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OF THE

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

North Carolina

1966

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held with

FLAT SPRINGS AND FALL CREEK CHURCHES

August 4 and 5, 1966

OFFICERS

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Vice Moderator	Rev. Bill Buchanan
Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Doris O. Shell
Historian	Dr. S. W. Vance

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NEAPOLIS: Bennie Hagie, Noel Jones, Flo Jones, Edward Grindstaff.
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VLAND: Mrs. J. T. Tanner, Mrs. Bob Banner, Mrs. Laura Taylor, Mrs. Lloyd Mauney, Julian Greene, Dean Eller, Bruce Daniels.
GROVE: None.
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LLOW MOUNTAIN: Rev. Paul Pittman, Claude Stafford, Leona Houston.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

tory . . . . . Dr. S. W. Vance
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CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

Membership

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches co nected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connecti with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegat and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

Objects

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmc the intelligence and spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

Power and Prerogatives

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council nor court of appeals. It m advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot b them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it n justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest considerat and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodo doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegates or le more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that threats with contempt its obje and requirements, or upon application for a church or admission.

Rights of Churches

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an indepen Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the Churches have the ri to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans to usefulness to be adop If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they s have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

Duties of the Church

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the du the Churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk o Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

Officers

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasu (one person), Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Dire and an Executive Committee consisting of the Association. Their terms of office to begin a conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue till the close of the next s sion. All officers provided for in this article to be members of a Baptist Church belonging to Association.

Duties of the Officers

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time app ed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding c

cording to the principles.

rt. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive ings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding fficer.

rt. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body n together with a publishing committee shall consist of the Moderator and two other members f he Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He y appoint an assistant when necessary.

rt. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

rt. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of h members.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

st Amendment: Amendment to Article 8. The Executive Committee shall be enlarged to ven members to include the Director of Women's Missionary Work and the Director of Bro- hood.

ond Amendment: The chairman of the Mission Committee be a member of the Executive Com- tee as long as this committee exists.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hours ed by the body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject hout permission of the Body.
6. No members shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business cept to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of the churches to be represented at the previous meetings.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.
9. Election of officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for the pleasure of the Body.
11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mells Parlimentary ractice.

PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 4, 1966

FLAT SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30	Hymns Led By Kenneth Johnson	Audien
9:40	Devotion	Rev. Rhonda Ea
9:50	Roll Call Of Churches	Doris O. Shell, Cle
10:00	Adoption Of Program	Rev. Raymon Turbyf
10:10	Appointment Of Committees	Rev. Raymon Turbyf
10:20	Offering	
10:25	Election Of Officers For 1966-67	
10:40	Missions	Rev. Guy C
11:00	N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc.	C. Gordon Maddı
11:15	Hospital Report	Rev. J. Lloyd Maur
11:30	Annual Sermon	Rev. Bill Buchar
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Devotion	Rev. Arthur Hoilm
1:15	Womens Missionary Union Report	Mrs. J. T. Tanr
1:30	Brotherhood Report	Rev. Ted Brasw
1:40	Home For The Aging	Mr. John Ha
1:50	Sunday School Report	Mr. Joe B. Pei
2:00	Cooperative Program	Dr. Shelby Var
2:10	Vacation Bible School Report	Mrs. Dick Patt
2:20	Training Union Report	Mrs. Johnnie McCou
2:30	Song And Adjournment	

The Avery Baptist Association met on August 4, 1966 with the Flat Springs Baptist Church. moderator called the meeting to order. Rev. Bruce Buchanan led the group in a song after which Rev. Ronda Earp gave the morning devotion reading from the book of John.

The clerk then gave a roll call of churches. There were 25 of the 29 churches answered to roll call. Rev. J. R. Puett made a motion that the program be adopted. Rev. Turbyfill, the moderator then asked if there were any churches that would like to come into our association. He t gave the committee that would report at the next session. A motion was made to enlarge the minu if possible to one inch each way. An offering was taken for the expense of the association. collection amounted to $74.29.

Dr. S. W. Vance nominated Rev. Raymon Turbyfill for moderator. The motion was made seconded. He was elected by a majority. Rom Huffman made a motion that Rev. Bill Bucha remain as vice moderator. Rev. R.L. Painter made a motion that the nomination close. Rev. Bu anan was elected by majority. Rev. Lloyd Mauney made a motion that the clerk remain the sa Doris Shell was elected by a majority. George Watson was elected to remain on the Executive Co mittee. Rev. J. R. Puett nominated Asa Reece to fill the vacancy of John Webb. Kenneth John seconded the motion. Mr. Reece was elected by a majority.

Rev. Guy Cain spoke on Missions. He told the audience that Dr. Spivey is retiring at the en this year. Rev. Cain spoke on the five fields of missions. 1. Community, 2. Association, 3. St 4. Home, 5. Foreign. He then spoke on the securing a missionary for the Avery Association. told us that we had an opportunity to join with Stoney Fork Association and share a mission Rev. Ernest Bustle, is now serving as associational missionary to Stoney Fork Associat

Rev. Cain told us that the State Mission Board is willing to put in $3,000 and that the churc in the association put in any amount they feel they are able to do. Some of the objectives of a mi ionary are to help the deacons and to cooperate with the pastors and moderator of the as ciation. He can also give great encouragement to have better Sunday Schools.

Dr. S. W. Vance said the greatest steps we could take would be to launch this work with I Bustle. He made a motion that we elect Rev. Bustle as associational missionary. The mo was seconded by Rev. Mauney. A vote was taken. There were 43 for and 7 against this mot Rev. Bustle spoke concerning his appreciation for being elected. He stated that he wanted to in any way he could.

The N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc. report was given by C. Gordon Maddrey. He spoke of W He said that wills told a lot about a person. He stated that wills are so simple. Films are available on "Wills". He urged everyone to make a will.

he Hospital Report was given by Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney. This report was adopted.
The annual sermon was given by Rev. Bill Buchanan. He read Acts 16. His topic: The Servant o the Most High God". Mrs. Edith Brown gave our blessing before we dismissed for lunch. After lunch, the meeting was called to order by the moderator. Kenneth Johnson led us in s ging of hymns. The devotion was given by Rev. Arthur Hoilman. He read from the Book of tthew. Rev. Bruce Buchanan spoke briefly. Rev. Buchanan was once a member of the Avery Association and is now moderator of the Mitchell Baptist Association.
he W. M. U. report was given by Mrs. J. T. Tanner. The report was adopted.
he Brotherhood Report was given by Rev. Ted Braswell. This report was adopted.
hristian Literature report was given by Mrs. Virginia Young. This report was adopted.
ev. Guy Cain, Secretary to the Annuity Department spoke on annuity. He told of the protection pastors. He also stated that the annuity department has a hospitalization Plan and also Life urance Benefit Plan.
unday School Report was given by Mr. Joe Perry. This report was adopted.
r. S. W. Vance gave the report on the Cooperative Program. The report was adopted.
r. McGee from the Baptist Hospital spoke on research work that is continuing at the hospital. told us that when we sent our offering to the hospital that we could rest assure that it is being d to bless those in need.
he Vacation Bible School Report was given by Mrs. Dot Patton. This report was adopted.
he Training Union Report was by Mrs. Grace Ollis Calhoun in the absence of Mrs. Johnnie B. Coury. This report was adopted.
report was given by the Resolutions Committee. This was given by Rev. Joe R. Puett. The eting then adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 5, 1966

FALL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

9 0 . . . . Hymns Led By Kenneth Johnson . . . . . Audience
9 0 . . . . Devotion . . . . . Rev. Lawrence Hagaman
9 0 . . . . Evangelism . . . . . Rev. Paul Pittman
0 0 . . . . Christian Education . . . . . Rev. R. L. Painter
0 5 . . . . Recognition of other Representatives . . . . . .
0 0 . . . . Offering . . . . . .
0 0 . . . . Christian Literature . . . . . Mrs. Virginia Young
0 0 . . . . Baptist Childrens Homes . . . . . J. Brooks Shell
1 0 . . . . Temperance and Morals . . . . . Rev. Bill Buchanan
1 0 . . . . Hymns . . . . . Audience
1 0 . . . . Annual Sermon . . . . . Rev. J. R. Puett
2 0 . . . . Lunch . . . . . .
1 0 . . . . Devotion . . . . . Rev. Ira Hodges
1 5 . . . . Music Report . . . . . Kenneth Johnson
1 0 . . . . History . . . . . Edith Brown
1 5 . . . . Obituaries . . . . . Mrs. Beatrice Banner
1 5 . . . . Report on Committees . . . . . .
2 0 . . . . Adjournment . . . . . .

he meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Turbyfill. The group was led in the ing of hymns by Troy Crawford from the Fall Creek Baptist Church. The devotion was given ev. Lawrence Hagaman, pastor of the Fall Creek Church.
he report was given by Rev. Paul Howard Pittman on Evangelism. He stated that there were ouls saved at the Crusade in Newland. This report was adopted.
he Christian Education Report was given by Rev. R. L. Painter. This report was adopted. . Painter then introduced his speaker which was Mr. Hollingsworth of Wake Forest College. urged us to send more students to Wake Forest and other Baptist Colleges. He told us that must get involved in the field of education.

The Home for the Aging report was given by Mr. John Hayes. He ask that we get three peopl each church to visit a state institution next year. He also asked that the churches help with th people's expenses. This report was adopted. Dr. William Poole spoke to this report. He told us there are now 170 people waiting to enter one of the Homes.

The Baptist Children's Homes report was given by Brooks Shell. This report was adop

The Report on Temperance and Morals was given by Rev. Bill Buchanan. This was adop

The moderator asked that the pastors please discuss their work the past year.

The Music Report was given by Mr. Vernon Ollis in the absence of Mr. Kenneth Johnson. report was adopted.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. Joe R. Puett. He spoke on Missions.

In the afternoon session, the audience was led in singing of hymns by Mr. Will Blair. devotion was given by Rev. Ira Hodges, reading from Matthew 9. His topic was "It is a Si Neglect Lost Souls".

Mr. Marvin Murphree, Assistant Supt. of Mills Homes spoke on the Children's Homes, This was a very interesting talk. He urged us to send our offerings and our produce for Thanksgiving offering. He told us that we have 135 children in foster homes. Eighty perce these are in the mountain region.

The Historians Report was given by Mrs. Edith Brown in the absence of Mr. Bruce Dani This report was adopted.

Obituaries were given by Mrs. Beatrice Banner.

Report was given by the committee on time, place and preacher.

Time -- First Thursday and Friday in August

Place -- First Day, Yellow Mountain -- Second Day, Whites Memorial

Preachers and alternates unknown at present.

Resolutions were given by Rev. Joe R. Puett. He also made a motion that the Executive C mittee be given the authority to deal with any business concerning the missionary. Rev. Mau seconded this motion. A vote was taken. Sixteen for and one against.

ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Southern Baptist Protection Plan

For the first time in two years, all ministers who are not enrolled in the Southern Baptist P tection Plan are being informed about its benefits. A direct mail campaign has been conducte give ample information to prospective ministers in each state convention.

The Southern Baptist Protection Plan provides benefits for age, disability and widow. Cost for protection is based on the minister's salary, and is 10 per cent of any amount up to $4,000 a y The minister's church is encouraged to pay the total cost. In some cases the minister and chu share the cost. The maximum amount a church can pay in the basic plan is $400 a year if its m ister is under 60 years of age.

The Health Benefit Plan

Enrollment has reached 10,054 in the Health Benefit Plan. During the past year, promotio emphasis has been placed on this plan.

The Health Plan is an all-inclusive program of hospital, surgical and major medical bene Enrollment is open on a semi-annual basis. The next enrollment will be open early in the fall the deadline on November 30, 1966.

Benefits Paid

In 1965, almost $4 million was paid in age retirement, disability or widow benefits to an tants through the Annuity Board's protection program. The annuitants' checks vary in amou depending on the length of time each was a member and the amount of dues he paid.

Since the beginning of the Annuity Board in 1918, almost $51 million has been paid out in be fits which annuitants have termed "manna from heaven."

Members In Annuity Board Plans.

Today more than 16,660 churches are providing protection through the Protection Program for their ministers. Approximately 10,764 of these churches are paying the 10 percent dues.

There are 135 of the 176 educational institutions, hospitals, children's homes, homes for the aged and other Convention agencies who have protection programs with the Annuity Board. There are more than 28,000 members in the retirement plans of the Annuity Board.

There are seven states with 70 per cent or more of the churches in theProgram. At present, North Carolina has 48 per cent of the churches in the Protection Program for ministers.

Rev. Guy Cain promotes the Protection Program in North Carolina. He is jointly employed by the Annuity Board and North Carolina Baptist Convention. For information about any of the plans in the Protection Program contact Rev. Guy Cain, 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603, or write the Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital and Medical School are a center of healing for body, mind and spirit, center of training of medical personnel and Christian workers, and a center of scientific research for the advancement of medical care.

Without a vast amount of medical research, there would be no heart surgery today by which lives are saved in our Baptist Hospital almost every week; and the same would be true of almost every new method of treating us when we are sick. Without schools for the training of doctors, nurses, technicians and others,—there soon would be no skilled persons in our hospitals or in our communities to care for us when illness comes. Without a staff of highly trained and experienced specialists and a vast amount of expensive specialized equipment, our Baptist Hospital could not offer the highly skilled medical care which is available to us when serious illness strikes and a major medical center is needed. Another very important fact is that the skilled medical care of our hospital is made available to people who need it and cannot pay for it. These important services are the work of our Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

The kind of medical care provided by our Hospital is very expensive, and the Hospital has no choice but to ask full payment of all who can pay. The Hospital has been spending in free care for our people far more than it receives from Our Mother's Day Offerings, the Cooperative Program, and all welfare agencies combined. This has caused the Hospital to run into debt the past two years and the same has been happening this year. Of course, the Hospital simply cannot continue to operate this way. Medicare is not going to change the situation greatly. Our people need to understand this and to recognize that we are going to have to provide much greater support if the hospital is to continue to provide free service in the same measure for those who cannot pay for it.

While some of our churches support the Hospital well indeed, most of them could do far more than they have been doing. We want to bring this to your attention, asking you to go back to your church and give this information to your people and help to lead them to give serious consideration to the Hospital's vital ministry and its urgent need.

J. Lloyd Mauney
Hospital Report - Avery Association

W.M.U. ASSOCIATION REPORT

There are 8 missionary societies with a total membership of 118. There is one ungraded Sunbeam Band with a membership of 5, one Primary Sunbeam Band with a membership of 12, Two Sunbeam Bands with a membership of 38, Two Junior GA's with a membership of 22 and Intermediate GA's with a membership of 16. This makes a W.M.U. total of 211 members.

Our combined offerings for the past year are as follows

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	$1205.50
Annie Armstrong Offering	538.38
Heck-Jones Memorial Offering	253.07
Total	$1996.95

We continue to support our Japanese orphan in a Children's Home in Tokyo, Japan.

We held our annual Associational Meeting in the First Baptist Church of Elk Park in Jur Rev. Roy Smith of Sylva, N. C. was guest speaker. He spoke on mission needs and opportuni in our mountain area.

I visited some of our missionary societies last year and hope all the societies will invite me a meeting this year.

Some of our women, including myself, attended at least one session at Ridgecrest last sum and will do so again this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. T. Tanner, President
Avery County W.M.U.

BROTHERHOOD'S MISSIONS AMONG MEN AND BOYS

Brotherhood is an organization composed only of Baptist men and boys and its purpose i help the church achieve its missions tasks.

Definition:

A Brotherhood is a fellowship of Baptist men, members of the church, organized to adva the cause of Christ through a program of missionary education and missions promotion desig to inform, motivate, and involve men and boys in the missions tasks of their church.

SECOND) THE OBJECTIVE:

Brotherhood's objective is to lead men to:
First: A deeper commitment to Christ and the Church missions.
Second: A more meaningful prayer life in private and public devotion.
Third: A larger stewardship on behalf of the cause of Christ.
Fourth: A personal involvement in Missions.

THIRD) TASKS:

A Brotherhood seeks to reach the four-fold objective through four tasks agreed on by the chu First: Teach missions to all men, young men, and boys.

This task gives the Brotherhood a definite educational responsibility. To carry out this t assignment, the Brotherhood will:

(1) Teach the Missionary Message of the Bible. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, bap ing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "Teaching ther observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to end of the world. Matt. 28: 19 - 20.

Second: Lead men, all men, young men, and boys to participate in soul winning activities.

(A) Interpret the Bible concept of mission activity.
(B) Become involved in personal witnessing.
(C) Organize and lead in worship activities.
(D) Plan and perform ministry to meet community needs.

Third: PROVIDE ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP PRAYERFUL FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS F THE CHURCH. This task places the Brotherhood uniquely at the disposal of the church.

(1) Revival activities. (2) Stewardship development activities. (3) Christian education.

Fourth: TASK: PROVIDE AND INTERPRET INFORMATION REGARDING THE WORK OF T CHURCH AND DENOMINATION.

(1) Interpreting work of convention agencies. (2) Interpreting annual denomination emph

Last: BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED

A Brotherhood assumes its responsibility for: Informing, Motivating, and Involving Men in Missions Tasks of the Church Through Programs and Activities in Five Basic Areas of Serv They are: Prayer, World Missions, Personal Stewardship, Christian Witnessing, and Royal . bassadors.

A deciding factor in the success of any church plan is prayer. The men, young men, and b

ould be guided by the Brotherhood and pastor to engage in seasons of prayer for the growth of te church.

All our Bible heroes were men of prayer. Our wonderful Saviour is our example. He prayed a night and we are to follow his footsteps.

Ted Braswell
Pastor, Whites Memorial Baptist Church
Rt. 3, Newland, N. C.

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGED

As we consider our Homes for Aged, let us go back a few years and think how our aged were ed for. We can remember when few of us had proper heat, medical care, or even a proper t. Exercise was never thought of as a use for aged people's life necessity. Few aged people ld afford a doctor or nursing care. The truth is that doctors had little to treat them with. dern medicines and new skills have given our aged longer life span. These extra years have en us a problem or an opportunity to do service for Christ.

Let us see them as they really were, as sons or daughters went about their work many aged thers and fathers sat in a dark room for hours alone. Let us enlarge on the word alone. Without io, television, and other past times or communications with the world.

We realize that we cannot replace the family as we do service to our people, but we do offer the rest service to their hearts we know of, the church in our homes.

We are proud we have such a fine home or homes to give love, medicines, nurses, doctors, many other services not even thought of a few years ago.

I visited the Hayes Home again this year and found the home improved and saw happy people. I ited Mrs. R. T. Teague, one of our fine aged people that is very much interested in our work and ying for us as we work for God in this service to aged. She is especially intersted in our min-ers, and I am sure she prays for us all as do many of these our aged guests in our homes. I left the home, tears came to my eyes as I thought of this fine Christian and how she seemed happy. It gave me pride in our work and thankful for the vision of someone that let God lead m unselfishly to bring about our Baptist Homes. You can also be proud of this Baptist work if will but add Baptist Homes to your church budget or give through the cooperative program or h. If you really want a blessing, pay a visit to any of our homes, or any of our programs of vice for Christ to people.

Respectfully submitted:
John E. Hayes

AVERY BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met Saturday, July 16, 1966 at the Sugar Mountain Baptist Church with the call to worship by Superintendent, Joe B. Perry at 10:00 O'Clock. Floyd Banner, Assistant Superintendent at Sugar Mountain Church led in singing hymns, "I Am Resolved," and "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus," with Mrs. Jim Rominger, Jr. at the piano. Floyd also gave the morning devotion taken from James 2:14 - 20, using for his subject,"Es-clation. In order to have better Sunday Schools, we should have faith and determination follow-e by effort.

At the roll call of Sunday Schools, ten responded. They were: Aaron, Belview, Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Green Valley, Mount Pleasant, Newland, Stamey Town, Sugar Mountain and Valley Haven.

Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Newland, brought the annual sermon ing "Personal Evangelism" as his topic, taken from Acts 1:1 - 12.

A delicious dinner, prepared by the Sugar Mountain ladies, was served on the ground in the grove, the site where the new church will be built.

The afternoon devotion was given by William Blair, a deacon, of Valley Haven Baptist Church. used 1 John 3.

The election of officers followed: Joe B. Perry, Valley Haven, Superintendent; Lloyd Ramsey,

Valley Haven, Assistant Superintendent; John Hayes, Aaron, Secretary.

The three pastors present and other delegates were recognized and discussed Sunday School w

Reports of committees followed: Mrs. Bob Banner, Homer Calloway, Conley Huffman, and M Fritz Hall reported on the Time, Place, and Preacher for 1967 to be the third Saturday in July at Belview Baptist Church, the annual sermon by Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney, alternate Rev. Billy Buchar The Resolutions Committee composed of Rev. Ira Hodges and John Hayes submitted this reso tion: Resolved that the Avery County Sunday School Convention extend its hearty thanks to good people of Sugar Mountain Baptist Church for their wonderful hospitality, bountiful food great sacrifices made for our enjoyment and convenience, for the lovely prayer of thanks as our blessing and spiritual warm fellowship. May God bless them for their friendship and ki ness.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe B. Perry, Superintendent
John Hayes, Secretary

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REPORT FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONS

A pressing need of each church in our association is an undergirding of the Cooperative P gram with prayer. Information on the world wide missionary work carried on through the operative Program will form a basis by which your church can pray with knowledge and ze

The Cooperative Program must be nurtured in prayer because information alone is not enough t is hoped that every church will have a special prayer for some mission cause supported thro the Cooperative Program in the Prayer Service each week during the month of October.

We are witnessing the greatest missionary advance in Southern Baptist history in missionar being sent, benevolent work done and training of young people for world wide service. This vance is being made through our missionaries, orphanages, schools, homes for the aged, and Baptist hospitals. Through the Cooperative Program you literally feed the hungry, clothe the nak heal the sick, and preach the gospel to the far corners of the earth.

We are making progress in our concern for those Jesus came to seek and to save. Each y more of our churches are increasing Cooperative Program giving and at the same time others beginning whole hearted participation.

Several associations in North Carolina have 100% of their churches giving through the operative Program. According to available records our association gave a total of $2,514.29 t past year through the Cooperative Program. Twenty-two churches did not share in world missi through the Cooperative Program.

With enthusiasm let us be faithful in worshipping with tithes and offerings, and our chu sharing regularly through the Cooperative Program for the benefit of a lost world.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. S. W. Vance

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Vacation Bible School has as its purpose the teaching of Gods Holy word for boys and girls age 2-16.

There are many values of the Bible School:

1. Value to the children: Bible School helps to make the child's life purposeful; it makes h love and appreciate the church. It brings him into close contact with his pastor and teache and it helps win him to Christ and bring him into church membership.

2. Value to the pastor: It gives the pastor an opportunity to learn his children and to into the hearts and lives of many indifferent and often ungodly parents.

3. Value to the Sunday School: It wins new pupils to the Sunday School both children ar parents and also discovers new teachers.

4. Value to the Church: A good school makes the parents and children more deeply int ested in the work of the church and it helps develop a fine atmosphere and to spiritualize life of the church.

Number of schools held in 1965-66 14
Total Enrollment 752

The intentions in each school is that we should all be drawn closer in fellowship with our Lord. I would like to see more churches in the Avery Association have a Vacation Bible School next year, because it will truly strenthen all phases of the church work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Dot Patton

REPORT OF THE AVERY ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

A special meeting with notification having been sent to all participating churches within the Association, was held at the Cranberry Church, Monday, July 25 for the purpose of selecting officers to present for your approval. It was moved, seconded and passed by majority vote that we retain some officers except to fill vacancies for those who had moved from our association and/or who for some worthy reason could not accept the places they now have. The following officers are presented for your approval:

Director . . . . . Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury, Cranberry
Associate Director . . . . . Miss Julia Ollis, Cranberry
Promotional Director . . . . . Rev. Glen Burleson, Route 3, Newland
Pastors-Advisors . . . . . Rev. Ira Hodges, Banner Elk
Pianist . . . . . Miss Katrina Carpenter, Route 3, Newland
Associate Pianist . . . . . Miss Cheryl Buchanan, Newland
Song Leader . . . . . Roger Pyatte, Pineola
Associate Song Leader . . . . . Daymon Pritchard, Route 3, Newland
Secretary and Treasurer . . . . . Elbert W. McCoury, Cranberry
Adult Leader . . . . . Rev. Joe Puett, Crossnore
Associate Adult Leader . . . . . Homer Calloway, Plumtree
Young Peoples Leader . . . . . Kenneth Johnson, Crossnore
Intermediate Leader . . . . . Mrs. Joe Puett, Crossnore
Junior Leader . . . . . Frank McKinney, Jr., Elk Park
Primary Leader . . . . . Miss Peggy Draughon, Banner Elk
Beginner Leader . . . . . Mrs. Joe Massee, Elk Park
Nursery Leader . . . . . Mrs. L. L. Estep, Montezuma

We had the blessing of one new Training Union organized this year. This is Belview and they report a wonderful time of training together. Some of their members were able to attend the Training Union session at Ridgecrest.

Let us continue to labor together in love, and pray much for our association that we may grow and prosper as is pleasing to our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that we The Avery Baptist Association express our deepest sympathy to the l Springs Baptist Church on account of the loss through death of faithful deacon, Brother Trive

Be it also resolved that we express our appreciation for the leaders and the speakers who h presented our inspiring program.

Be it also resolved that we express our thanks to all who make possible a delicious meal gracious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolutions Commit
Rev. Joe R. Puett
Mrs. Nelle McCoury
Mr. Joe B. Perry

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ENROLLMENT
(Fall Semester, 1965)

Campbell College	2,
Chowan College	1,
Gardner-Webb College	1,
Mars Hill College	1,
Meredith College	
Wake Forest College	2,
Wingate College	1,
Total	11,

TRAINING OF CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONAL WORKERS

As of now, approximately 600 young men and women who expect to give their lives to on the Christian vocations are enrolled in the North Carolina Baptist colleges. These inclu pastors, chaplains, directors of religious education, directors of church music, home missi aries, foreign missionaries, institutional workers, denominational workers, teachers, and m others.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY

We are grateful that more churches each year are participating in the observance of Chr ian Education Day, which is always on Father's Day, in June. There are two objectives in serving Christian Education Day: to afford each church an opportunity for the congregatio become better acquainted with the contribution of our Baptist colleges to the denomination; provide an opportunity to make an offering over and above the regular Cooperative Progr giving. This offering now amounts to more than $100,000 and could very easily go to $200, with the cooperation of our Baptist churches. We urge every church to observe Christian Edu tion Day in 1967.

PRESIDENTS RETIRING

Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Mars Hill College, and Dr. Carlyle Campbell, Meredith College, reti at the close of the school year, 1966. Dr. Leslie Campbell, Campbell College, has announ his retirement as of June, 1967. Too much could not be said for the contribution which t men have made to the cause of Christian higher education. They have been appropriately hono by the Baptist State Conventions, the Council on Christian Education, and the Biblical Recor

TWO NEW PRESIDENTS

Two fine Christian men, both of whom have served as deacons in Baptist churches, have b

ected to head Mars Hill and Meredith Colleges. Both of these men possess the highest Christi and educational qualifications. Dr. Fred Bentley, formerly dean of the College of Arts and Sences, University of Louisville, is the new president at Mars Hill College, and Dr. Bruce Hilman, formerly vice president of Peabody College, is the new president of Meredith College.

Concern is being felt throughout the Convention because of the general decline in the number o young people choosing a Christian vocation. Two of the main emphasis of this study will be: (The most effective way that the Baptist Colleges, the State Convention, and the local churches c join hands in enlisting more young people for the Christian ministry. (2) How more financial assistance can be made available to these students.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

salm 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
he Bible is the greatest literature in print and should have first place in our reading, in study, and in our hearts.
he Apostle Paul tells us in Second Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thy self approved unto God, orkman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Also, First Timothy 3, "Till I come, give attendance to reading."
hristian Literature is a mighty force in the world today in sowing seeds of righteousness nninds and hearts, and in promotion of the Lord's work.
ince the organization of the Baptist State Convention in 1830 one of the main aims has been distribution of sound literature. Since 1833 the Biblical Recorder had been continually published and placed in the homes of Baptists. This is a publication that promotes all Baptist work should be in every home.
outhern Baptists have many excellent publications which may be obtained at our many Southern Baptist Book Stores and through the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention: Purity and Children, The Commission, The Ambassador, Life, Tell, Home Life, Royal Service, Home Missions and others. May we give these a place in our homes as a testimony of our Christian faith. May God speak to us and challenge us as we read first of all His word, and secondly the publications that are inspired by the Holy Spirit and continues with the Bible.
here has never been as much to read as there is today and much of it is very dangerous ecause Satan is using every means possible to deceive the hearts and minds of our people. The great danger is that what people read has a great influence on their lives. Therefore, we as parents and teachers should be very careful in having the right Christian literature for our children to read. Baptist have the right kind to read and study. By so doing may we according to Second Peter 2:18, "Grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." To him be glory both now and forever.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia L. Young

TEMPERANCE AND MORALS

In the past year in our association there is little or no evidence of improvement in the temperance and moral problems. If one notices the emply liquor bottles and beer cans along our highways, they would conclude that everyone is drinking. If one watches television and sees the advertisements of beer and wine, they would think, if they had no knowledge of God's word concerning strong drink, there is no harm in drinking. But just as God has warned us drinking brings trouble, sorrow, pain, suffering, poverty, and death, to people in every walk and station in our society.
Our country is plagued with many moral problems today. In the last ten years illegitimacy has increased 300%. Pornagraphy has become a five-hundred million dollar a year business.

Gambling is a twenty-billion dollar a year racket. Crime is increasing four times as fast our population. Last year there were two-million major crimes committed in the United St according to J. Edgar Hoover.

Statistics show that alcohol is the mother of all our moral problems. Our nation now h five-million alcoholics, and three and one half million problem drinkers, many of whom women. Today over 60% of our population sixteen years and older, drink. There are 175, more taverns and liquor outlets in the United States than the total number of Snyagogues, Church and Temples.

What makes our moral problem all the worse is the fact that many Church people are liv immoral. Many people who claim to be Christians practice sexually immorality, cheat lying, stealing and drinking. These sins are strictly forbidding Gods people according to Bible. It is the duty of every Baptist to do what he can to make our Churches, our county, our America a better and more God fearing place to live. We can do this through the prac of, and a stand for good morals.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Avery County Baptist Association was organized on September 20, 1912 at the Aaron Bap Church, Montezuma, N. C. Messengers and members of 10 Baptist Churches elected as t Moderator, Reverend W. H. Ollis and W. M. Francum was elected Clerk.

Letters were read from the following churches: Saginaw; Aaron; Henson's Creek; Elk P: Roaring Creek; Jonas Ridge; Green Valley; Pleasant Hill; Minneapolis and Big Meadows. Th 10 churches were admitted as the Charter Churches comprising the newly organized associat Three pastors served the above named churches and their total salaries amounted to $595 Total gifts to State Missions was $101.77; to Foreign Missions, $40.00 and to the Orphan $10.25.

We now have 29 churches in our association, served by 21 pastors whose salaries last y amounted to $32,543.00. Total Missions expenditures last year amounted to $7,971.76. Du the 54 years of our history, our association has been served by 21 Moderators and 10 Cle Membership in the beginning was 216. Today we have 3956 members. Last year we add our membership by baptism 110 and 74 by letter. Total value of church property is $386,20

Through the past 54 years, history has been made by Pastors, Deacons, and Loyal Memb Much has never been recorded, however, we know that God has taken note of the deeds done as the years go by, the lighted torch which was set ablaze by our loyal Baptist of the past, pass to other hands who will in turn carry on to greater victories.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce W. Daniels, Historian

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

Eighty-one years ago, under the impact of the life, ministry and teachings of Christ and u the leadership of the Holy Spirit, North Carolina Baptists launched a Christian ministry of c care. This has grown considerably and is widely recognized for its qualities of service pioneering spirit. Sons and daughters of the Children's Homes are scattered throughou world. They are actively engaged in all walks of life and are making a significant contrib to the uplift of mankind as a result of their early Christian training made possible by North C lina Baptist and other friends.

Special attention is being given certain areas of child care. An already strong progra good care is being strengthened at Mills Home, Kennedy Home and Odum Home. A good de of progress had been realized in working with emotionally disturbed children at Greer Hon Chapel Hill. The demonstration Child Development Program for pre-school children, cond on the Mills Home Campus, has had an excellent first year of operation. Churches throu

h state are studying the program and facilities preparatory to providing similar services. Prospects are encouraging for a home for children in the western part of the state more adequately to serve the needs of our people who live west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Constant attention is being given to more effective ways of meeting the highly specialized needs of children coming out of broken and inadequate home situations.

We have a large number of good Christian homes for the care of foster children. More are needed in all sections of the state. Foster homes serve children of all ages and are of particular advantage for some who have special needs. Foster home parents may be of varying ages in circumstances in life. Couples with or without children of their own who have an abundance of love find this to be a challenging and rewarding opportunity of Christian service.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to all who have, in any way, helped to support our child care ministry. We are indeed grateful for increasing income through the Cooperative Program. Last Year's Thanksgiving Offering is approaching three hundred fifteen thousand dollars ($315,000.00) and is the largest ever. Special gifts and designations such as the Once-a-month offering provide a substantial part of our income. Through estate planning and the making of Christian wills and increasing number of individuals and families are investing in present and future generations of boys and girls who are in need of the services of the Baptist Children's Homes. Roger Williams, former pastor of the Mills Home Baptist Church is devoting full time to working with our Baptist people in this area, and he or other members of the staff will count it a privilege to assist you in exploring this field of Christian stewardship.

We covenant with you to face the future as we have the past: to offer Christian nurture to dissessed children in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Brooks Shell

EVANGELISM

There is much to be done as we continue our efforts to get ready for the great endeavor before us in 1966-67.

Every church should be a soul winning church. If the church fails to reach the lost it fails as church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we close our 1965-66 associational year we humbly thank our heavenly Father for the victories won and we must turn our attention and prayers to the task before us.

Winning souls to Jesus Christ is the job of every Christian. We as Christians can be a soul winner for God.

We Christians lose out visions of a lost world, then we have lost our right to be called for o

The Gospel means good news, evangelism is telling that good news to those that have not accepted Christ.

Can God depend on you to take this wonderful story to the lost that live around us.

John 20:21 -- As my Father hath sent me even so send I you.

There were 64 souls saved during the Avery County Crusade in Newland, which was conducted by Rev. Victor Trivette.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Howard Pittman

MUSIC REPORT

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." (Psalm 100: 1-2 ASV)

Proverbs 29:6 tells us "The righteous doth sing and rejoice."

Isaiah in Chapter 12:5 puts it on a mission basis (mission accomplished). "Sing unto the Lord, for he hath done excellent things:" this is known in all the earth.

If you are a Christian you have reason to sing and praise God. You witness of an ever-po ful God who has sent Christ to the world to die for all men. You can testify of your expre with Him by singing and it is a type of witness that raises no argument.

If only I can get the people in the churches of Avery to realize how important, how easy how great a witness the music in your church, your home life; yea, even in your soul is, have accomplished what I feel I should as music director of our association.

Plans at present include putting some of the best of hymn recordings in our Avery Public rary. These would be hymns (most people of Avery might not know) to enlarge our knowl of wonderful hymns, unused simply because they are unfamiliar. These would be borrow you can a book and play.

Suggestions, requests, ideas and plans I stand ready to accept and discuss. Pray tha church members will praise our God through singing. It costs no more than effort! Goo give the talent; will you use it?

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Johnson

OBITUARIES

"And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which d the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours and works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13)

OUR HOME-GOERS

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15)

Aaron . . . . . John Jus
Beech Mountain . . . . . Rev. Dayton J
Steve Har
E. A. Triv
Willie Har
Mrs. Betsy Ann Har
Charles J
Big Meadows . . . . . Deacon Bob M
Albert Va
Cranberry . . . . . Mrs. Hettie Holts
Elk Valley . . . . . Mrs. Ethel Ho
Bessie Er
Fairview . . . . .
Fall Creek . . . . . Basil Jo
Flat Springs . . . . . John Phil
Gurney
Jodie Clav
Green Valley . . . . . Homer Grind
Henson Creek . . . . . Ernest Burl
Mrs. Rosa Gr
Jonas Ridge . . . . . Mrs. Martin Bar
Sam Wo
Minneapolis . . . . . Creed Sp
Mount Pleasant . . . . . Deacon Omer Thom
Laura Joh
Newland First . . . . . Mrs. Joe P. Ta
Charlie Ta
John Henry Mc

k Grove . . . . . Jack Blackburn
Mrs. Victoria Parker
asant Hill . . . . . Green Woody
Mrs. Laura Johnson
wdermill . . . . . Geroge Buchanan
Leroy Wilson
ring Creek . . . . . Dave Hughes
ney Town . . . . . Mrs. Mary Garrison
ow Mountain . . . . . Deacon Vester Stafford

"Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea . . . . . .
Twilight and evening bell, And after that, the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For, though from out our bourne of time and place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face,
When I have crossed the bar." Tennyson

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bob Banner

RESOLUTIONS

e it resolved that we the messengers of the Avery Baptist Association express our appreciafor the gracious hospitality and the delicious meal offered by the Fall Creek Baptist Church.
e it also resolved that we express our love and concern for the support of the leaders the Association and the representatives of the various Baptist Institutions.

Respectfully submitted by the
Resolutions Committee,

Rev. Joe R. Puett
Mrs. Nelle McCoury
Mr. Joe B. Perry

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP–

Avery — State N. C. — For year ending (month) August 1966

Clerk Doris O. Sheil — Address Cranberry — ZIP Code 28614

Moderator Rev. Raymon Turbyfill — Address Cranberry — ZIP Code 28614

	CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS AND GENERAL INFORMATION														
			1 Year Organized	2 Location 1-2-3-4 5-6-7	3 Services 1-2-3-4	4 Revival Meetings held	5 No. Missions started this year	6 No. Local Missions operated by church	7 Total Baptisms	8 Other Additions	9 Members lost by letter, death, revision church roll, etc.	10A Resident Members	10B Nonresident Members	11 Grand Total Present Members	12 Members Received [illegible]	13 Members lost to [illegible]	16 State Paper in Budget	17 [illegible] for [illegible]
1	Aaron		1858	2	4	0	0	0	6	5	1	120	27	147	0	0	No	2,724
2	Beech Mountain	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1869	1	2	2	0	0	4	0	14	73	73	146	0	3	No	958
3	Belview	Bill Buchanan, Sunnybrook Dr., Spruce Pine	1922	1	3	2	0	0	9	0	0	86	44	130	0	0	No	1,230
4	Big Meadows	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	1845	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	4	68	86	154	0	0	No	720
5	Chestnut Dale	Arthur Hollman, Bakersville		1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	28	36	31	0	0	No	460
6	Cranberry	Raymon Turbyfill, Cranberry	1908	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	8	134	53	187	0	0	No	1,200
7	Crossnore	Joe R. Puett, Crossnore	1907	3		1	0	0	23	6	16	291	124	415	0	2	No	3,575
8	Elk Park	Glenn Gentry, Elk Park		3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	18	93	0	0	No	1,300
9	Elk Valley	Burl Greer, State Farm Road, Boone	1882	1		1	0	0	7	3	6	107	86	196	0	0	No	720
10	Fairview	Vivian Brown, Route 1, Newland	1940	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	47	117	0	0	No	578
11	Fall Creek	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1885	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	88	93	181	0	0	No	735
12	Flat Springs	Ronda Earp, Vilas	1902	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	25	150	0	150	0	0	No	360
13	Green Valley	Arthur Hollman, Bakersville	1886	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	68	39	107	0	0	No	780
14	Henson Creek	Kelce Hollifield, Marion	1900	1	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	72	39	111	0	0	No	700
15	Jonas Ridge		1857	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	5	151	24	175	0	0	No	1,980
16	Minneapolis	Wendell Critcher, Route 1, Newland	1887	2	4	1	0	0	3	2	2	117	72	189	0	0	No	780
17	Mount Pleasant	Burl Greer, State Farm Road, Boone	1869	1	4	2	1	0	2	0	5	70	10	80	0	0	No	1,020
18	Newland	J. Lloyd Mauney, Newland	1921	3	4	1	0	0	9	8	5	231	85	316	1	0	No	5,200
19	Oak Grove	Burl Greer, State Farm Road, Boone	1919	1	4	2	0	0	0	2	4	78	27	105	0	0	No	738
20	Pineola		1913	1		2	0	0	0	2	1	34	15	49	0	0	No	1,177
21	Pleasant Hill	Wendell Critcher, Route 1, Newland	1905	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	4	219	130	349	0	1	No	2,340
22	Pleasant Valley	R. L. Painter, Banner Elk	1893	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	91	115	0	0	No	95
23	Powdermill	Arthur Hollman, Bakersville	1914	1	3	1	0	0	7	1	0	90	0	90	0	0	No	667
24	Roaring Creek	Garfield Hughes, Route 1, Newland	1871	1	2	1	0	0	7	0	1	52	36	88	0	0	No	600
25	Stamey Town	Glenn Burleson, Route 1, Newland	1947	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	73	13	86	0	0	No	665
26	Sugar Mountain		1950	1		0	0	0	0	0	3	23	24	47	0	0	No	285
27	Valley Haven	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	1948	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	34	28	62	1	0	No	663
28	Whites Memorial	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	1949	1	2	2	0	0	9	9	9	83	48	131	1	2	No	1,200
29	Yellow Mountain	Paul Pittman, Spruce Pine	1949	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	No	410

Table B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Association Avery State N. C.

For Year Ending (Month) August 19 66

Associational Superintendent Joe B. Perry

Address Banner Elk ZIP Code

	CHURCHES	Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses (Include ZIP Code)	93 Cradle Roll	94 Nursery	95 Beginners	96 Primaries	97 Juniors	98 Intermediates	99 Young People, Single	100 Young People, Married	101 Young People, Aweg	102 Adults (25-34)	103 Adults (35-64)	104 Adults (65 up)	105 Extension Department	106 General Officers	107 Mission Enrolment	108 Total Enrolment	109 Average Weekly Attendance	110 Church Vacation Bible School Enrolment	111 Mission Study Enrolment	112 Total Vacation Bible School Enrolment	139 Teachers & Officers Meet: Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Other	Not
1	Aaron	Carl Holden, Montezuma	0	0	0	2	12	5	20	10	6	0	40	0	0	0	0	107	71	40	0	0				X	
2	Beech Mountain	James Nunley, Route 1, Elk Park	0	0	7	7	8	0	26	0	0	0	17	0	0	4	0	69	48	0	0	0					X
3	Belview	Rom Huffman, Route 1, Elk Park	0	3	6	8	10	8	3	4	0	8	29	3	0	4	0	86	60	52	0	52		X			
4	Big Meadows	Homer Calloway, Plumtree	0	0	14	7	8	11	8	0	10	10	16	0	0	2	0	74	0	35	0	35					X
5	Chestnut Dale	Conley Huffman, Route 2, Spruce Pine	5	0	0	3	0	0	10	2	0	16	18	1	0	0	0	55	35	0	0	0					X
6	Cranberry	Kirk Potter, Cranberry	0	6	10	12	17	18	20	13	0	28	9	0	0	2	0	135	90	72	0	72					X
7	Crossnore	Edgar Edwards, Crossnore	0	13	17	16	52	62	40	0	0	45	27	0	0	3	0	275	190	72	0	72	X				
8	Elk Park	Mrs. B. H. Winters, Elk Park	0	0	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	0	0					X
9	Elk Valley	Fred Blair, Route 1, Banner Elk	0	0	22	0	9	9	6	0	0	16	34	0	0	4	0	96	55	55	0	55					X
10	Fairview	Jack Forbes, Route 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	40	0	12	0	0	0	72	55	0	0	0					X
11	Fall Creek	Cecil Crawford, Banner Elk	1	5	2	6	5	0	14	6	9	5	22	5	0	6	0	85	56	0	0	0			X		
12	Flat Springs	Grady Watson, Route 1, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	61	0	0	0					X
13	Green Valley	Robert McClellan, Route 2, Spruce Pine	0	3	4	5	0	4	8	0	0	5	5	6	0	2	0	42	25	0	0	0					X
14	Henson Creek	Sherrill Pittman, Route 3, Newland	0	0	15	0	14	0	0	15	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	70	65	0	0	0					X
15	Jonas Ridge	H. R. Clark, Rutherford College	0	4	9	11	6	8	12	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	73	39	72	0	72					X
16	Minneapolis	Edward Grindstaff, Minneapolis	0	0	10	15	0	15	20	0	0	10	30	3	0	10	0	103	80	30	0	30					X
17	Mount Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Route 3, Newland	0	0	6	6	10	11	18	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	60	60	0	0	0					X
18	Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland	5	6	15	25	37	26	17	0	0	20	30	14	0	0	0	0	136	135	0	135					X
19	Oak Grove	Charles Townsend, Newland	0	8	10	0	10	0	9	8	6	2	20	5	0	7	0	65	50	0	0	0		X			
20	Pineola	Bruce Smith, Pineola	4	0	10	8	0	0	0	100	8	0	0	15	0	5	0	60	40	0	0	0		X			
21	Pleasant Hill	Vern Ollis, Route 1, Newland	6	5	6	6	15	15	30	7	0	15	38	10	0	2	0	155	105	0	0	0					X
22	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Route 1, Elk Park	0	1	5	1	0	6	2	2	0	0	10	3	0	2	0	32	22	0	0	0					X
23	Powdermill	Joe Cantrell, Route 1, Newland	0	0	0	15	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	60	60	35	0	35					X
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Route 1, Newland	0	5	12	0	7	10	10	8	0	14	12	5	0	6	0	89	65	0	0	0					X
25	Stamey Town	Simon Franklin, Route 2, Newland	0	0	7	7	5	5	9	10	0	0	7	0	0	9	0	50	49	30	0	30		X			
26	Sugar Mountain	Elbert R. Church, Route 2, Newland	0	0	9	0	0	10	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	10	0	51	25	0	0	0					X
27	Valley Haven	Joe B. Perry, Banner Elk	0	3	3	2	3	0	6	15	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	42	25	0	0	0					X
28	Whites Memorial	Roger Carpenter, Route 3, Newland	0	0	5	7	10	11	7	6	0	9	15	0	0	0	0	70	42	54	0	54		X			
29	Yellow Mountain	George Wright, Jr., Route 3, Newland	4	2	3	10	6	10	7	0	5	6	15	16	0	5	0	88	62	30	0	30		X			
		Totals	25	64	210	190	276	244	317	206	44	324	455	98	0	83	0	2314	1706	752	0	672					

Table C TRAINING UNION–

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 19 66

Associotionol Director Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury

Mailing Address Cranberry ZIP Code 28614

	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT 113 Nursery	114 Beginners	115 Primaries	116 Juniors	117 Intermediates	118 Young People, Single	119 Young People, Married	120 Adults (25-34)	121 Adults (35-64)	122 Adults (65-over)	123 General Officers	124 Mission Enrolment	125 Total Training Union Enrolment	126 Average Weekly Attendance	35 Does Church Have Prog of New Member Orient.? (Yes or No)	36 Does Church Have A Def Leadership Training Prog.? (Yes or No)
1	Aaron	Mrs. Margaret Sudderth, Montezuma	0	0	0	11	17	17	0	0	12	0	0	0	41	25	No	No
2	Beech Mountain																	
3	Belvlew	Doris O. Shell, Cranberry	3	3	6	8	4	3	0	5	11	0	3	0	46	37	No	No
4	Big Meadows	Glen Benfield, Route 3, Newland	0	7	7	6	6	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	35	30	No	No
5	Chestnut Dale																	
6	Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry	2	0	5	12	5	8	0	7	0	0	2	0	41	25	No	No
7	Crossnore	Mrs. Ray Rash, Crossnore	0	0	0	13	10	10	0	0	22	0	0	0	55	35	No	No
8	Elk Park	Mrs. Bill Gwinn, Elk Park	0	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	18	18	No	No
9	Elk Valley	Homer Blair, Banner Elk	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	35	20	No	No
10	Fairview	Marie Hollman, Route 2, Spruce Pine																
11	Fall Creek																	
12	Flat Springs																	
13	Green Valley																	
14	Henson Creek																	
15	Jonas Ridge																	
16	Minneapolis																	
17	Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Herman Boles, Route 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	No	No
18	Newland	Dr. Jack Billings, Linville	0	0	0	20	10	0	0	20	0	0	5	0	50	50	Yes	No
19	Oak Grove																	
20	Pineola	Mrs. S. W. Vance, Pineola														6	No	No
21	Pleasant Hill	Luther Carver, Elk Park	3	2	2	4	0	15	0	5	15	0	3	0	49	25	No	No
22	Pleasant Valley																	
23	Powdermill																	
24	Roaring Creek																	
25	Stamey Town																	
26	Sugar Mountain																	
27	Valley Haven	Lloyd Ramsey, Banner Elk	1	2	1	3		3		6					20	10	No	No
28	Whites Memorial																	
29	Yellow Mountain																	

Association Avery State N. C.

For Year Ending (Month) August 1966

Associational President Mrs. J. T. Tanner

Address Newland ZIP Code 28657

	CHURCHES	WMU Presidents and Addresses (Include ZIP Code)	WMS Organizations	Ungraded YWA Organizations	Career Girls' YWA Organizations	High School YWA Organizations	Ungraded GA Organizations	Intermediate GA Organizations	Junior GA Organizations	Ungraded Sunbeam Band Organizations	Primary Sunbeam Band Organizations	Beginner Sunbeam Band Organizations	Sunbeam Nursery Organizations	Mission Organizations	Grand Total Organizations	WMS Enrolment	Ungraded YWA Enrolment	Career Girls' YWA Enrolment	High School YWA Enrolment	Ungraded GA Enrolment	Intermediate GA Enrolment	Junior GA Enrolment	Ungraded Sunbeam Band Enrolment	Primary Sunbeam Band Enrolment	Beginner Sunbeam Band Enrolment	Sunbeam Nursery Enrolment	Mission Enrolment	Grand Total Enrolment	
1	Aaron	Mrs. Verna Barbee, Montezuma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1
2	Beech Mountain																												2
3	Belview	Mrs. Rhetta Gouge, Cranberry 28614	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3
4	Big Meadows																												4
5	Chestnut Dale																												5
6	Cranberry	Mrs. Nelle McCoury, Cranberry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	6
7	Crossnore	Mrs. George Johnson, Crossnore	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	22	0	0	0	0	3	6	5	0	0	0	44	7
8	Elk Park	Mrs. Bill Gulnn, Elk Park	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	8
9	Elk Valley																												9
10	Fairview																												10
11	Fall Creek																												11
12	Flat Springs																												12
13	Green Valley																												13
14	Henson Creek																												14
15	Jonas Ridge																												15
16	Minneapolis																												16
17	Mount Pleasant																												17
18	Newland	Mrs. J. L. Mauney, Newland	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	25	0	0	0	18	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	74	18
19	Oak Grove																												19
20	Pineola	Mrs. Bruce Smith, Pineola	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	0	0	0	0	30	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Hazel Ollis, Route 1, Newland	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	21
22	Pleasant Valley																												22
23	Powdermill																												23
24	Roaring Creek																												24
25	Stamey Town																												25
26	Sugar Mountain																												26
27	Valley Haven																												27
28	Whites Memorial																												28
29	Yellow Mountain																												29
			8	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	20	109	0	0	0	30	3	14	50	0	0	0	0	241	

Table H TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES, AND STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION–

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 19 66

Associational Treasurer Doris O. Shell

Address Cranberry, N. C. ZIP Code 28614

	CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	18 Cooperative Program % of Budget	41 Total Receipts From Gifts	42 Pastor's Salary	43 Other Church Staff Salaries	44 Expenditures on Local Missions Operated by Church	45 All Other Local Expenditures	46 Total Local Expenditures	14 Number of Tithers	15 Budget Prom. or Emphasis Used: None	Forward Program	Growth in Christian Stewardship	Other
1	Aaron		3	6332-	2724	96.00	0	3047.48	5867	10	x			x
2	Beech Mountain	Truman Church, Route 1, Elk Park	0	2218	958	144.00	0	497.00	1599	1	x			
3	Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	0	3109	1230	0	0	1209.00	2439	10	x			
4	Big Meadows	Lawrence Carpenter, Route 3 Box 233, Newland	0	0	720	0	0	2989.84	3709	0	x			
5	Chestnut Dale	Herman Huffman, Route 1, Newland	0	942	460	48.00	0	405.74	913	0	x			
6	Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry	7	3368	1200	180.00	0	1845.00	3125	0	x			
7	Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	720.00	12832	3575	360.00	0	4836.00	8771	14	x			
8	Elk Park		0	3446	1300	0	0	1359.18	2759	0	x			
9	Elk Valley	Mrs. Lonnie Aldridge, Route 1, Banner Elk	0	4954	720	384.00	250.00	3599.00	4569	0	x			
10	Fairview	A. D. Woody, Route 2 Box 614, Spruce Pine	0	1371	578	120.00	0	503.00	1201	0	x			
11	Fall Creek	Beulah Dugger, Route 1, Elk Park	0	2429	735	0	0	1134.46	735	1	x			
12	Flat Springs	Mr. Cleo Jones, Route 1, Elk Park	0	0	360	127.00	0	0	487	0	x			
13	Green Valley	Bob McClellan, Route 2, Spruce Pine	0	2323	780	0	103.74	1279.68	2163	0	x			
14	Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Route 3, Newland	0	0	700	144.00	247.00	197.00	1288	6	x			
15	Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Jonas Ridge	5	3832	1980	133.00	0	2158.00	4271	0	x			
16	Minneapolis	Mr. E. W. Lewis, Minneapolis	0	7443	780	550.00	0	5586.00	6917	0	x			
17	Mount Pleasant	Edward Burleson, Route 3, Newland	0	0	1020	0	0	1080.00	2200	6	x			
18	Newland	Bruce W. Daniels, Newland	900.00	18806	5200	0	0	3907.00	9017	25	x			
19	Oak Grove	McDonald Burleson, Jr., Newland	0	1725	738	0	0	400.00	1138	2	x			
20	Pineola	Maurice Lindacamp, Pineola	5	500	1177	0	0	0	3337	10	x	x		
21	Pleasant Hill	Roy W. Ollis, Route 1, Newland	0	7217	2340	360.00	0	1002.00	3702	0	x			
22	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Route 1, Box 14, Elk Park	0	0	95	0	0	60.00	155	0	x			
23	Powdermill		0	0	667	0	0	526.85	1193	0	x			
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Route 1, Newland	0	0	600	0	229.90	215.70	1045	0	x			
25	Stamey Town	Mr. Tommy Carpenter, Route 2, Newland	0	3522	665	156.00	127.30	1239.76	2188	10	x			
26	Sugar Mountain	Gurney Duckworth, Route 2, Newland	0	1657	285	120.00	0	693.09	1252	0	x			
27	Valley Haven	Mrs. Sherry Horney, Banner Elk	0	0	663	60.00	48.00	580.00	1351	7	x			
28	Whites Memorial	Ona Carpenter, Route 3, Newland	0	0	1200	180.00	0	2495.00	2545	10	x			x
29			0	202	412	0	0	2174.00	2687	7	x			

TABLE I MISSION EXPENDITURES-C

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 19 66

Associotionol Missionory Rev. Ernest Bustle

Address Newland ZIP Code 28657

	CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	21 Cooperative Program	23 Associational Missions	25 Designated: State Missions	29 Designated: S.B.C. Home Missions	31 Designated: S.B.C. Foreign Missions	32 Designated: Christian Education, Schools	33 Designated: Children's (Cash plus goods) Homes	34 Designated: Hospitals	35 Designated: Home for Aged	36 Other designated objects (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	37 Total Mission Expenditures	
1	Aaron	Carl Holden, Montezuma	125.00	15.00	39.07	25.00	146.14	25.00	85.00	40.00	25.00	0	525.21	1
2	Beech Mountain	John Trivette, Route 1, Elk Park	154.00	0	0	0	0	0	30.00	56.00	0	0	240.00	2
3	Belview	Doris O. Shell, Cranberry	7.38	0	5.00	25.00	50.00	11.00	103.00	80.00	0	0	281.38	3
4	Big Meadows	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Route 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	182.00	50.00	0	232.00	4
5	Chestnut Dale	Robert Sluder, Route 1, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	116.75	32.00	0	0	148.75	5
6	Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry	150.00	0	18.00	91.00	90.00	0	32.00	25.00	0	0	406.00	6
7	Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	720.00	0	66.00	55.00	280.00	0	57.00	85.00	0	0	1263.00	7
8	Elk Park	Mrs. Harold Winters, Elk Park	7.24	0	0	15.00	40.73	0	0	25.00	0	0	87.97	8
9	Elk Valley	Lonnie Aldridge, Route 1, Banner Elk	0	0	0	0	205.00	0	80.00	100.00	0	0	385.00	9
10	Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Route 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.00	10.00	10.00	0	40.00	10
11	Fall Creek	Beulah Dugger, Route 1, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	191.50	0	50.00	91.00	0	0	332.50	11
12	Flat Springs	G. C. Greene, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	135.20	17.64	0	0	152.84	12
13	Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Route 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	118.75	0	0	0	22.00	0	0	140.75	13
14	Henson Creek	Mrs. Delora Buchanan, Route 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	25.00	0	105.00	155.00	14
15	Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Jonas Ridge	120.00	10.00	0	0	25.00	0	0	14.00	0	0	169.00	15
16	Minneapolis	Jannie Carter, Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.00	68.37	31.08	0	199.45	16
17	Mt. Pleasant	Virgie Blalock, Route 3, Newland	0	0	0	123.00	0	0	100.00	0	0	0	223.00	17
18	Newland	Ruth Calloway, Newland	900.00	0	162.00	300.00	505.00	25.00	190.00	125.00	185.00	75.00	2,467.00	18
19	Oak Grove	Mrs. Dennis Church, Newland	0	0	0	29.00	0	0	14.00	0	0	0	43.00	19
20	Pineola	Edna Moir, Pineola	0	200.00	0	0	125.00	0	0	0	0	0	325.00	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Route 1, Newland	0	15.00	0	0	56.00	0	83.00	44.00	0	473.00	671.00	21
22	Pleasant Valley	Theresa Hicks, Route 1 Box 14, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.50	0	0	6.50	22
23	Powdermill	George Watson, Route 1, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.00	0	0	0	40.00	23
24	Roaring Creek	Mrs. Judy Puckett, Route 1, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.00	0	0	10.00	24
25	Stamey Town	Mrs. Simon Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	0	0	20.00	0	125.00	75.00	75.00	0	295.00	25
26	Sugar Mountain	Mrs. Floyd Banner, Route 2, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.00	21.50	0	69.81	141.31	26
27	Valley Haven	Phyllis Berry, Banner Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	93.00	52.00	0	0	145.00	27
28	Whites Memorial	Dora Phillips, Route 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.00	25.00	0	0	50.00	28
29	Yellow Mountain	Miss Lana Buchanan, Plumtree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45.42	0	0	45.42	29
		Totals	2,183.62	240.00	290.07	781.75	1734.37	61.00	1553.95	1277.43	376.08	722.81	9221.08	

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 5 19 66

Clerk Doris Shell Address Cranberry ZIP Code 28614

Moderator Rev. Raymon Turbyfill Address Cranberry ZIP Code 28614

	CHURCHES (Please Type or Print) In Alphabetical Order	NAMES OF PASTORS AND FULL ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code) (Rev.)	1 Year Organized	2 Location 1-2-3 4-5-6-7	3 Services 1-2-3-4	7 Baptisms Reported	8 Additions by Letter	11 Total Membership (Including Non-Resident)	136 Music Ministry Enrolment	108 Sunday School Enrolment	112 Vacation Bible School Enrolment	125 Training Union Enrolment	92 W.M.U. Enrolment	66 Brotherhood Enrolment	21 Total Value Church Property (Including Pastor's Home) (Round to nearest dollar)	41 Total Receipts From Gifts (Round to nearest dollar)	57 Total Mission Expenditures (Round to nearest dollar)	42 Pastor's Annual Salary (Round to nearest dollar)
1	Acron		1858	2	4	6	5	147	21	107	40	41	0	0	30,000	6,332	515	2724
2	Beech Mountain	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1869	1	2	4	0	146	20	69	0	0	0	0	10,000	2,218	240	958
3	Belview	Bill Buchanan, Spruce Pine	1922	1	3	9	0	130	30	86	52	42	9	0	10,000	3,109	261	1230
4	Big Meadows	Charlie Woody, Spruce Pine	1845	1	3	1	2	154	0	74	35	0	0	0	10,000	0	232	720
5	Chestnut Dale	Arthur Hollman, Bakersville		1	3	0	0	31	0	55	0	0	0	0	5,000	942	148	460
6	Cranberry	Raymon Turbyfill, Cranberry	1908	2	2	3	0	187	0	135	72	41	11	0	0	3,368	406	1200
7	Crossnore	Joe R. Puett , Crossnore	1907	3		23	6	415	27	275	72	55	36	20	50,000	12,832	1263	3575
8	Elk Park	Glenn Gentry, Elk Park		3	3	0	1	93	0	35	40	18	8	0	16,000	3,446	87	1300
9	Elk Valley	Burl Greer, State Farm Rd., Boone, N. C.	1882	1		7	3	196	0	96	55	45	0	0	0	4,954	385	720
10	Fairview	Vivian Brown, Route 1, Newland	1940	2	2	0	0	117	0	72	0	20	0	0	0	1,371	40	578
11	Fall Creek	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1885	1	2	0	0	181	28	85	0	0	0	0	15,000	2,429	332	735
12	Flat Springs	Ronda Earp, Vilas	1902	1	2	0	1	150	0	150	0	0	0	0	6,000	0	152	360
13	Green Valley	Arthur Hollman, Bakersville	1886	1		0	0	107	0	42	0	0	0	0	5,000	2,323	159	780
14	Henson Creek	Kelce Hollifield, Marion	1900	1	2	3	0	111	15	70	0	0	0	0	12,000	0	155	700
15	Jonas Ridge		1887	2	4	1	0	175	0	73	72	0	0	0	0	3,832	169	1980
16	Minneapolis	Wendell Critcher, Rt. 1, Newland	1887	2	4	3	2	189	30	103	30	0	0	0	35,000	7,443	199	780
17	Mt. Pleasant	Burl Greer, State Farm Road, Boone	1869	1	4	2	0	80	0	60	0	18	0	0	15,000	0	223	1020
18	Newland	J. Lloyd Mauney, Newland	1921	3	4	9	8	316	51	136	135	50	68	28	75,700	18,806	2467	5200
19	Oak Grove	Burl Greer, Boone, N. C.	1919	1	4	0	2	105	0	65	0	0	0	0	5,500	1,725	43	738
20	Pineola		1913	1		0	2	49	0	60	0	6	28	0	10,000	500	325	1177
21	Pleasant Hill	Wendell Critcher, Rt. 1, Newland	1905	1	4	3	0	349	45	155	0	49	24	0	45,000	7,217	671	2340
22	Pleasant Valley	R. L. Painter, Banner Elk	1893	1	4	0	0	115	0	32	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	6	95
23	Powdermill	Arthur Hollman, Bakersville	1914	1	3	7	1	90	0	60	35	0	0	0	10,000	0	40	667
24	Roaring Creek	Garfield Hughes, Route 1, Newland	1871	1	2	7	0	88	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	600
25	Stamey Town	Glenn Burleson, Route 1, Newland	1947	1	2	0	0	86	0	50	30	21	0	0	22,000	3,522	295	665
26	Sugar Mountain		1950	1		0	0	47	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	1,657	141	285
27	Valley Haven	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	1948	1	2	2	1	62	11	42	0	20	0	0	15,000	0	145	663
28	Whites Memorial	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	1949	1	2	9	9	131	28	70	54	0	0	0	1,200	0	50	1200
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MINUTES

OF THE

AVERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

North Carolina

1967

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

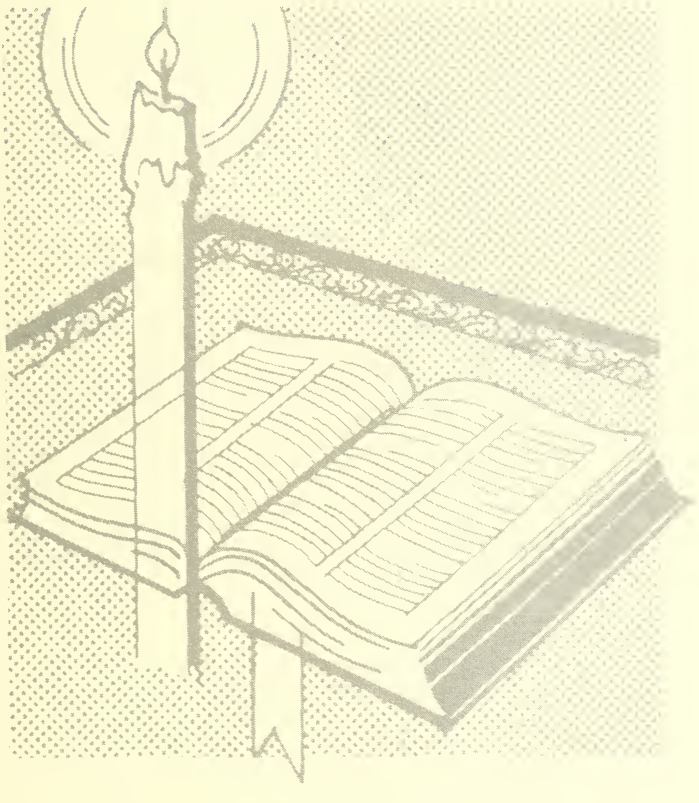
Held With

YELLOW MOUNTAIN AND WHITES MEMORIAL CHURCHES

August 3 and 4, 1967

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Raymon Turbyfill
Vice Moderator	Mr. John Hayes
Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Doris O. Shell
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Mary K. Estep
Historian	Dr. S. W. Vance



MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

AARON: John Hayes, Mary K. Estep, Lloyd Sudderth, W. W. Braswell.
BEECH MOUNTAIN: Roy McGuire, Dee Moore, Truman Church
BELVIEW: Walter Gouge, Rom Huffman, Rhetta Gouge.
BIG MEADOWS: Lawrence Carpenter, Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Homer Calloway, Delzie Stamey.
CHESTNUT DALE: None
CRANBERRY: Johnnie B. McCoury, Edith Brown, Nelle McCoury, Lockie Turbyfill.
CROSSNORE: Mr. and Mrs. Asa Reece, John Webb, Barbara Ward, Edgar Edwards, Mrs. Ann Burleson, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Rev. Joe Puett.
ELK PARK: Mrs. Dorothy Patton, Florence Gentry, Ora Mae Massee.
ELK VALLEY: Thomas Vance, Lonnie Aldridge, Charlie Ervin.
FAIRVIEW: Mrs. Goldman Hughes, Miss Bird Woody.
FALL CREEK: Arlie Parlier, Judd Jones, George Crawford.
FLAT SPRINGS: None.
GREEN VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hall, Bob McClellan, Mrs. Wise Hall.
HENSON CREEK: Ivor Lusk, Ruth Buchanan, Donald Buchanan.
JONAS RIDGE: Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shell, Thomas Reeves, Jr.
MINNEAPOLIS: Waits Holtsclaw, Eldridge Wright, Edward Grindstaff, Toss Vance.
MOUNT PLEASANT: Virgil Blalock, Mrs. Omer Thompson, Mrs. Hilma Daniels.
NEWLAND: Mrs. Bob Banner, Mrs. Eula Lecka, Mrs. Louise Turbyfill, Mrs. Lloyd Mauney, Mrs. Laura Taylor, Mrs. P. D. McDaris, Mrs. J. T. Tanner.
OAK GROVE: None.
PINEOLA: Maurice Lindecamp, Dr. S. W. Vance, Charles Clark.
PLEASANT HILL: Earl Greene, Raymon Brown, Fred Buchanan, Roy Ollis, Pat Hicks, Lincoln Buchanan.
PLEASANT VALLEY: Mrs. Theresa Hicks, Betty Bare, Bud Bare.
POWDERMILL: Mrs. Dicie McKinney, Mrs. Myrtle Houston, Rev. Arthur Hoilman.
ROARING CREEK: None.
STAMEY TOWN: Katrina Carpenter, Masona Carpenter, Mrs. Coleman Burleson.
SUGAR MOUNTAIN: Rev. James Hefner, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Banner.
VALLEY HAVEN: Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Perry, Will Blair.
WHITES MEMORIAL: Bobby Willis, Roger Carpenter, Miss Peggy Carpenter.
YELLOW MOUNTAIN: Rev. Howard Pittman, Mae Wright, Mrs. Mindie Rhyne.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

OBJECTS

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

POWER AND PREROGATIVES

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegates or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that threats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application for a church or admission.

RIGHTS OF CHURCHES

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the Churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans to usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the Churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

OFFICRES

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, (one person), Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, and an Executive Committee consisting of the Association. Their terms of office to begin at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue till the close of the next session. All officers provided for in this article to be members of a Baptist Church belonging to this Association.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding office according to the principles.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

First Amendment: Amendment to Article 8. The Executive Committee shall be enlarged to eleven members to include the Director of Women's Missionary Work and the Director of Brotherhood.

Second Amendment: The chairman of the Mission Committee be a member of the Executive Committee as long as this committee exists.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hours fixed by the body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
6. No members shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of the churches to be represented at the previous meetings.
4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.
9. Election of officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for the pleasure of the Body.
11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mells Parlimentary Practice.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL SESSION

YELLOW MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

August 3, 1967

9:30	Hymns	Led By Kenneth Johnson . . . . . Audience
9:40	Devotion	Rev. Howard Pittman
9:50	Roll Call Of Churches	Doris O. Shell
10:00	Adoption Of Program	Rev. Raymon Turbyfill
10:10	Appointment Of Committees	Rev. Raymon Turbyfill
10:20	Offering	
10:25	Election Of Officers For 1967-68	
10:40	Associational Missionary	Rev. Ernest Bustle
11:00	N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc.	C. Gordon Maddrey
11:15	Hospital Report	Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney
11:30	Annual Sermon	Rev. J. W. Overbay
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Devotion	Rev. Burl Greer
1:15	Women's Missionary Union Report	Mrs. J. T. Tanner
1:30	Brotherhood Report	J. Brooks Shell
1:40	Home For The Aging	Mr. John Hayes
1:50	Sunday School Report	Mr. Joe B. Perry
2:00	Cooperative Program	Rev. Bill Buchanan
2:10	Vacation Bible School Report	Mrs. Mary K. Estep
2:20	Training Union Report	Mrs. Johnnie McCoury
2:30	Song And Adjournment	

The Avery Baptist Association met on August 3, 1967 with the Yellow Mountain Church. The moderator called the meeting to order. Kenneth Johnson led the group in singing of hymns. The morning devotion was given by Rev. Howard Pittman, reading from Isaiah.

A gavel was presented to the Association by Rev. Ernest Bustle. This gavel was made from a tree that stood in the yard of George W. Truett. Minutes of the Executive Committee were given. Kenneth Johnson discussed the meaning of the constitution being revised. Rev. Turbyfill stated that it was not clear and should be revised. The Executive Committee had appointed a committee to discuss the constitution and by-laws. Kenneth Johnson made a motion that we discuss this now. Johnnie B. McCoury seconded the motion. Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney made a motion that we give this committee full authority to study these and bring a report before our association next year. Rev. Howard Pittman seconded the motion.

Rev. J. R. Puett made a motion that we add a place on our program for Miscellaneous Business. This was seconded.

John Hayes made a motion that the new moderator present the committees that will report at the next session. Johnnie McCoury stated that we cannot do this under our present constitution. Rev. Turbyfill then gave a report on those that would report to the next association. (These are found elsewhere in these minutes).

The Time, Place and Preacher Committee consists of Rev. Homer Murdock, Rev. J. R. Puett and Rev. J. W. Overbay. Resolution Committee consists of Rev. Ernest Bustle, Walter Gouge and Johnnie McCoury.

An offering was taken for the association amounting to $44.62.

Rev. Ted Braswell made a motion that Rev. Murdock serve as moderator of 1967-68. Rev. Murdock stated that he would not accept this since he plans to attend school. He nominated Rev. Turbyfill and Rev. Braswell withdrew his nomination. Rev. Mauney seconded the nomination of Rev. Turbyfill. Rev. Bustle made

a motion the nominations cease. Rom Huffman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and Rev. Turbyfill was elected moderator. Rev. Mauney made a motion that we elect John Hayes as vice-moderator. This was moved and seconded. Doris Shell asked the association to elect another clerk or elect an assistant. Rev. Mauney nominated Doris Shell as clerk and Mary K. Estep as assistant. A majority vote was taken.

The Associational Missionary report was given by Rev. Ernest Bustle. This report was adopted.

Rev. Richard Smith with the N. C. Baptist Foundation spoke concerning the foundation.

The Hospital Report was given by Rev. Mauney. His report was adopted. Dr. McGee of the Baptist Hospital spoke to this report. He stated that we had a 40% increase in our Mothers Day offerings. Avery County he stated gave more this year than they did last. He also told us that a new program at the School of Medicine was underway.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. J. W. Overbay reading from Genises 12. Topic was "God's Purpose', 'No One Perish".

The meeting then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of hymns. The devotion was given by Rev. R. L. Painter. Dr. William Poole, Supt. of N. C. Homes for the Aging, sang a beautiful song "How Great Thou Art".

The WMU Report was given by Mrs. J. T. Tanner. This report was adopted.

Mr. John Hayes gave a report on the Homes for the Aging. This report was adopted. Dr. William Poole spoke to this report. He stated that February is the month set for this offering and urged all churches to give.

The Sunday School Report was given by Joe B. Perry. This report was adopted.

Rev. Bill Buchanan gave the report on the Cooperative Program. Rev. Bustle spoke concerning the Cooperative program and urged each church to support this program.

The Vacation Bible School Report was given by Mary K. Estep. This report was adopted.

The Training Union Report was given by Johnnie McCoury. This was adopted.

Report of the Resolution Committee was given by the chairman. This was moved and seconded. An announcement was made concerning the Fellowship meeting which is held each month. Mr. John Hayes urged all churches to attend this fellowship meeting.

No other business the session adjourned for the day.

WHITE'S MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 4, 1967

9:30	Hymns . . . Led By Kenneth Johnson	Audience
9:40	Devotion	Rev. Ted Braswell
9:50	Evangelism	Rev. Burl Greer
10:00	Christian Education	Rev. R. L. Painter
10:15	Recognition Of Other Representatives	
10:30	Offering	
10:40	Christian Literature	Mrs. Virginia Young
10:50	Baptist Childrens' Home	Mr. Lloyd Ramsey
11:10	Temperance And Morals	Rev. Ronda Earp
11:20	Hymns	Audience
11:30	Annual Sermon	Rev. James Hefner
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Devotion	Rev. Max Holland
1:15	Music Report	Mr. Kenneth Johnson
1:30	History	Dr. S. W. Vance
1:45	Obituaries	Mrs. Beatrice Banner

1:55 . . . Report On Committees . . . . . .
2:00 . . . Adjournment . . . . . .

This session opened with the singing of hymns "O Worship the King" and "Praise Him" led by Kenneth Johnson. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Turbyfill. The devotion was given by Rev. Ted Braswell.

No report on Evangelism was given. Mr. Roger Crook from Meredith College spoke concerning Christian Education.

The report on Christian Literature was given by Mrs. Virginia Young. She had on display a number of samples of literature from our state department. This report was adopted. She urged all churches to use our Baptist Literature.

Rev. Turbyfill ask again this year if the association would give the Executive Committee the right to transact their business to bring before the association.

Rev. Puett made a motion to give the Executive Committee authority to fill vacant offices and to carry out any business for the association during the year. Rev. Mauney seconded the motion. A vote was taken.

The Music Report was given by Kenneth Johnson. This report was adopted.

Obituaries was given by Mrs. Beatrice Banner

Dr. W. R. Wagoner, General Supt. of the Childrens Homes spoke. He stated that there are now 750 boys and girls in our Baptist homes. He urged us to have concern and care for these children. This is a great program and they need our help. He told us that they are now in the process of purchasing 92 acres of land in Haywood County to build a home for children in Western North Carolina.

The report on Christian Education was given by Rev. R. L. Painter. This report was approved.

An offering was received in the amount of $18.14. A resolution committee was appointed for the report on the second day. This committee consists of Kenneth Johnson, Clara Hicks and George Watson.

Rev. Bustle gave a report on his Mission work in the association. This report was adopted.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. James Hefner, his topic was "The Danger of Becoming a Cast-away."

Rev. Puett gave the blessing for the day after which we adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with singing "This Is My Fathers World" led by Kenneth Johnson. The afternoon devotion was given from Luke 11 by Rev. J.R. Puett. He offered a special prayer for Mrs. Julius Ollis who was a patient at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Bustle discussed Brotherhood in the absence of Brooks Shell. Rev. Puett moved that we adopt the Brotherhood report. Rev. Mauney made motion that the Historian report be put in the minutes.

The committee on Time, Place and Preacher was given. The next meeting to be held the first Thursday and Friday in August, 1968. The first day will be at Pleasant Hill and the second day at Big Meadows. It was recommended that the Executive Committee be given privilege to select a preacher for the annual sermons. It was also recommended that the Executive Committee study the possibility of having the association on a Thursday from 9:30 to 3:00 and on a Friday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This would give one day service and one night service. This was moved and seconded.

The resoultion Committee was given by Kenneth Johnson. This was adopted. A motion was made to adjourn. This concluded this 1967 session with a hymn and a fellowship handshake.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

History . . . . . Dr. S. W. Vance
Sunday School . . . . . Mr. Joe B. Perry
Training Union . . . . . Miss Julia Ollis
Vacation Bible School . . . . . Mrs. Mary K. Estep
Christian Education . . . . . Rev. R. L. Painter
Temperance and Morals . . . . . Lloyd Ramsey
Hospital . . . . . Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney
Cooperative Program . . . . . Rev. J. W. Overbay
Christian Literature . . . . . Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury
Evangelism . . . . . Rev. Vivian Brown
Children's Home . . . . . Rev. James Hefner
Home For The Aging . . . . . Mr. John Hayes
Music . . . . . Mr. Kenneth Johnson
Brotherhood . . . . . Rev. Homer Murdock
Women Missionary Union . . . . . Mrs. J. R. Puett
Obituaries . . . . . Mrs. Beatrice Banner

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging have been on the move during the past year. In fact, we will be ready to move into our new Home at Yanceyville in September and will be able to receive 30 more dear old people into the family of our Homes. When the Yanceyville Home, our fifth, is occupied, we will have a total of 200 deserving older men and women in our care in all of the Homes.

As you know, we now have four Homes and an Infirmary in operation. Resthaven and the Hayes Home in Winston-Salem; the Albemarle Home at Albemarle; the Hamilton Home at Hamilton.

In these Homes you have an eternal investment and can rejoice in the loving care which you are making possible for our older people. The majority are financially needy persons, and are supplemented through the love gifts of North Carolina Baptists. Two sources of income from the churches are increasingly vital in the support of our residents - the Special Day Offering, received on the 3rd Sunday of February each year, and our share in the Cooperative Program.

The Special Day Offering for 1967 is at an all-time high and has increased by 10% over last year. This is most commendable, but when we face the reality of costs, which have advanced by 20%, and the maintenance of a new Home and the care of 30 additional residents at Yanceyville, we could face a real crisis during the next year, unless the gifts from our Baptist people continue to increase in proportion to our needs.

We wish to thank all of our Baptist people across the State who are enabling us to minister to the aging in Christ's Name, and we want all of you to know that each of your 5 Homes exists for the people from all over our great State. We could not operate without your love, your prayers, your concern, and your financial support.

In the midst of our joys have been our sorrows. Our oldest resident, Aunt Fannie Drumwright, passed away in June, just short of her 106th birthday. She came to live with us at the age of 93, and the 13 years of her presence with us have been a shining example of the special significance of a Christian ministry to older people. The compassionate nursing care alone which this little lady received is reason enough to thank God for the people called Baptists, whose vision and concern for mankind have included the aging in answering the Master's call in the service of the Lord. In our churches in the Avery Association, we will receive a special blessing if we will add Homes for the Aged to our budgets. We must serve people of all ages to fullfil Christ's purpose in us.

John E. Hayes

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Avery County Sunday School Convention met at the Belview Baptist Church July 15, 1967 . Mr. Joe B. Perry Superintendent presided over the convention. Mr. Kenneth Johnson led the convention in a song assisted by Mrs. Bob Banner's wonderful accompany on the piano. Belview Church welcomed the representatives of the churches. Rom Huffman superintendent of the Belview Sunday School, gave an inspiring devotional, reading the 100th Psalm.

The roll call of the churches followed and reports of the work in each church represented was given. Those answering the roll call were: Aaron, Belview, Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Cranberry, Crossnore, Green Valley, Jonas Ridge, Mount Pleasant, Newland, Pleasant Hill, Powdermill, Stamey Town, Sugar Mountain, and Valley Haven. Rev. Hefner new pastor of Sugar Mountain Baptist Church was welcomed to Avery Association. There were five ministers present.

Mr. Johnson led the convention in the singing of a hymn. This was followed by the annual sermon by Rev. Bill Buchanan. In an inspiring message Rev. Buchanan stressed the importance of giving one's life back to God to be used in service, reaching out to the needy and unsaved.

After a delicious lunch served by the host church, the meeting was reconvened for a concluding session. The meeting was opened with the singing of a hymn. The devotion was given by Rev. Ira Hodges. He read Revelation 3:19-20 and spoke of some of the sins that keep God out of our hearts today. He stressed the need for repentance in the Christian Life.

Elected as officers for 1967-68 were the following:

Superintendent Joe B. Perry and John Hayes, Clerk.

The pastors present discussed ways in which the Sunday School could be improved. Taking part were Billy Buchanan, Lloyd Mauney, E. O. Bustle, James Heffner and Ira Hodges.

The Vacation Bible School report was given by Mrs. Bud Estep. The report was encouraging from the number of boys and girls being reached and the number of churches participating.

The report of committees was given: Time, Place, and Preacher. Time to be the 3rd Saturday, July at Valley Haven with Rev. Lloyd Ramsey as preacher and Rev. James Hefner as alternate.

The body adopted a motion by Kenneth Johnson to have quarterly Sunday School meetings during the coming year.

Be it resolved that the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Belview Baptist Church, as our wonderful host. The message by the Pastor, Rev. Bill Buchanan, was very inspiring.

The dinner was sumptuous, with a wonderful day of fellowship.

Rev. James L. Hefner
Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney
Rev. Ira Hodges
Joe B. Perry, Sunday School Superintendent

BROTHERHOOD MISSION REPORT

The organization of the Brotherhood is composed only of Baptist Men and boys and its purpose is to help the church achieve its missions tasks. It is a fellowship of Baptist men, members of the church, organized to advance the cause of Christ through a program of missionary education and missions promotion designed to inform, motivate, and involve men and boys in the missions tasks of their church.

Every man is diminished by any man's bias, and one reason why we do not truly love our neighbor is that we make no effort to know or understand him. We rest

on the oars of preconcieved prejudice.

The race into which each of us was born, the country and the religion -- each is an accident of birth. Oh, there are changes of citizenship and conversions to other creeds, but you can't change where you were born or the race from which you sprang.

That I myself am white -- so far as I know -- Christian -- in that I do not follow Judaism or Islam or other creeds -- and so-called Gentile was an accident of birth.

All men suffer and rejoice. Each is born through a natural channel of pain, and each in the body dies.

When people universally recognize that all are united by the common band of morality and by the basic needs . . . the need to worship and to love, to be housed and fed, to work and play. Perhaps we will have learned to understand -- which is to love spirtually, and there will be peace and brotherhood on earth. Without brotherhood, peace is not possible!

Perhaps these words will help us to understand that knowing God is a matter of long teaching and learning brotherhood -- perhaps a lifetime . . . and that only God can teach us:

"The Lord is my teacher. I shall not want. He maketh me to learn in His out-of-doors. He teacheth me by His written word. He instructeth my soul. He guideth me in the paths of true knowledge for His name's sake. Yea, when the day's task is done, and life's lessons have been learned, I will fear no evil, for thou wilt be with me, my teacher and my comforter still. Thou teachest even my enemies to become pupils of the Great Teacher. Thou leadeth me gently from the known to the unknown. Thou givest me satisfaction in my day's work. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall be a learner in the school of the Great Teacher forever.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Brooks Shell

W.M.U. ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT

There are nine missionary societies in Avery County with a total membership of 156 members. There is a Sunbeam Band, with a membership of 20, and a Girls Auxiliary with a membership of 16. This makes a W.M.U. total of 192 members.

Our combined offerings for the past year are as follows:

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	$1254.92
Annie Armstrong Offering	640.02
State Offering	200.00
Total	$2094.92

This is an increase over last years' offering by $97.97.

We continue to support our Japanese orphan in Tokyo, Japan and the sponsorship fee is paid up to date.

We held our annual associational meeting in Aaron church at Montezuma in May. Dr. J. T. McCrae of Spruce Pine, a former missionary to Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, was guest speaker.

Several of our women, including myself, attended a part of the W.M.U. conference at Ridgecrest. I attended a part of the State W.M.U. Convention in Winston-Salem in March.

I am resigning as W.M.U. president, to take effect the first of October. Mrs. Joe Puett of Crossnore has been elected president. I have enjoyed serving you as president for the past twelve years and I hope you will give Mrs. Puett the same loyalty and cooperation that you have given me.

I wish to leave with you the theme of the convention, "Go on Growing". Go on Growing in Avery County.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. T. Tanner, President

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Education is not the most important thing in the world. Some of our nations leaders seem to think that education and money will solve all of our problems. People have to be made anew, and only the grace of God is sufficient for this task.

By these remarks I do not want you to think of education as unimportant. We are living in a complex world. Problems of mass importance face our young people. They need a good education to face the task of life.

Our colleges and other educational institutions are doing a good job. But they face great difficulties. More money is needed to meet the needs of buildings, equipment and salaries.

By our special offering in June and through the Cooperative Program our churches can help.

We send our young people to our colleges because of the Christian atmosphere. In them the Bible can be taught. We also want our young people to receive academic training of the highest quality.

We can rightfully be grateful for the records of our institutions. Let everyone give financial aid as God hath prospered us.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. L. Painter

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

There are many things that we cannot know except by Bible study. Namely, the truth about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the Plan of Salvation, heaven, hell, and sin. It is the book of inspiration and guidance and may we, as Paul instructed us in II Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth."

What we read can be a big influence on our lives. The devil is indeed busy in using his influence on the printed page. There is much literature in print today which is promoting communism, worldliness, and much evil. Many books and magazines of this type are reaching Baptist homes. This should not be. Baptists have many excellent publications and helps which can be used and studied by every age group. Our Baptist book stores have many publications for both adults and children. Our Southern Baptist Convention has many publications, several new ones in the past year. Magazines such as the "Bibical Recorder", "Home Life' , and "Training Union"; Sunday School Periodicals, Training Union Periodicals, and special study materials for every age group. These should be used extensively by churches, homes, teachers and church members. To aid in our Bible study, our Sunday School Board is able to furnish us with the finest quality literature.

We as parents and teachers should be very careful as to the literature we have in our homes, being sure that they are Bible based. We can find these in our Baptist publications.

As Paul instructed Timothy so let us do: I Timothy 4:13 - "Til I come give attendance to reading . . . to doctrine."

May we then emphasize more the reading of Christian Literature for it is designed to promote Bible Study, strengthen faith, and develop Christian character.

Jesus said, "Search ye the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39.

As an aid to our Bible study let us use the excellent publications and helps by our Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Young

MUSIC REPORT

A good deal of good has been done this year, though we haven't had any county-wide meetings of the music department.

First - The director has a package of posters for use with choirs showing correct posture, phrasing, notes, etc. These can be borrowed for use with your choirs.

Second - Records of the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon have been purchased. Thus you may hear scripture in your home instead of reading. These are planned to be placed in the public library of our county as some of other faiths may desire to borrow these. These recordings are on 16 RPM records and can be played on a four-speed record player or Hi-Fi. If these are used enough by people, practically all of the Bible is recorded and more books will be added if you make use of these.

Third - The album, "Carol of Love," which is a cantata for Christmas, recording may be borrowed from your director if your choir is interested in a good Christmas music program for a church with a choir.

Fourth - Now the music in the "Church Musician" is recorded each quarter and the three records of 33 1/3 RPM cost only $2.55 per quarter. These are a blessing to the churches in our area where so many of our people can't read music. However, by hearing the songs sung by trained choirs on these recordings, they will be able to perform the music written in the "Church Musician" without difficulty. These may be purchased from the Sunday School Board and these may be purchased by any individual and make excellent listening on your own record player or Hi-Fi.

In our day and time when our hours of leisure are scarce we must make good use of them, and through recordings the world of music, sermons, poetry and our treasured Bible are ours to enjoy. Does your church have record players? If not, make it a goal!

"Your home can be filled with T. V. noise,
Or you can make it Godly joys.
Feed your children's minds on rock and roll,
Or on Heavenly sounds that bless the soul!"

Looking forward to working with you in the coming year in the 29 churches of our association in any way you think I can be of help, and looking forward to your cooperation in any planned meetings. Trusting God will give you the best year in your church life ever, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Kenneth Johnson

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM REPORT

Despite the fact that Southern Baptists have been sharing the gospel through the Cooperative Program since 1925 many do not know what this plan is. The question -- What is the Cooperative Program? -- is often heard.

The answer is simple. What the budget is to the local church the Cooperative Program is to the denomination. It is support for all missionary causes at home and abroad -- it's preaching the gospel -- it's healing in the name of Jesus through hospitals and clinics everywhere -- it is teaching and training Christian leaders for all the great tasks of Kingdom endeavor.

As our people worship with tithes and offerings Sunday by Sunday and as the local church channels a part of its income through the Cooperative Program we enter into partnership with God and one another in obedience to the command, "Go . . . preach . . . teach . . .!"

Let us resolve to pray earnestly for all Kingdom work and support our prayers

with sacrificial giving of self and substance.

Last year North Carolina Baptists gave $5,787,311 through the Cooperative Program. Supplementing this with Special Offerings amounting to $2,897,639, we had a total of $8,684,950 for all mission causes! Two associations (Anson and Yates) had 100% of their churches giving through the Cooperative Program.

According to records available our association gave $2,367.98 during the last year for World Missions through the Cooperative Program.

We recommend:

(1) That each church plan, vigorously promote, and subscribe a worthy budget.

(2) That special emphasis be given to prayer for Cooperative Program causes during October.

(3) That each church give regularly through the Cooperative Program.

(4) That in response to the special call of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention we increase our Cooperative Program giving by at least 10% during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Billy Buchanan

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

It has been a real joy to work with fellow laborers in Vacation Bible School's this year. It has been my privilege to visit many of your churches and experience a real spirit of cooperation and concern for the youth of our association and church fields, as well as to personally help in five of your VBS.

One of our goals this year has been to prepare for more and better VBS. in hoping to reach this goal six workers attended the State VBS Clinic at Wingate College in January 1967. We had a fairly successful Associational VBS Clinic at Cranberry Church in April, and in June three members of our group attended the clinic at Gardner Webb College. We also used a student from Summer Student Missions of the Home Mission Board.

We had hoped to have at least 28 VBS's, with 5 standard schools, but we fell a little short of this goal. We have improved over the years. For example: 1960 we had 6 VBS with an enrollment of 426; 1967 we had 24 VBS with an enrollment of around 1000. We have the possibility of 2 more schools this year, and we have reports of several professions of faith and many re-dedications.

As we think of Bible School being almost over, it has only begun. Follow up your pupils! There are families to be won to Christ. Use your VBS enrollment to build your Sunday School, Training Union, as well as your whole church program.

Now let us look to next year. Will YOU prayerfully join with me to make preparation now to enlist workers early, and train them early through associational clinics as well as church study groups. Remember, "A man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary T. Estep

BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER REPORT

In this day of rapid change in almost every area of our lives, there are few places in which change has been more rapid than in the field of medicine. In the last twenty-five years we have witnessed in medical care a transformation as dramatic as in almost any other area of life.

This period parallels the period of development of our Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. This began in 1941, when our Baptist Hospital and our Baptist Medica School were joined to form the first and only such combination. Today it stands as one of the very fine medical centers of our country, reflecting the vast

progress which has come in the field of medical care. All indications are that this progress will continue at an ever growing rate.

It is a day of increasing specialization, with men and women highly trained and dedicated in their special fields of medicine. It is a day of expanding research in medicine, as in industry, agriculture and business.

Many of the fruits of this work seem almost like modern miracles. There are new means of diagnosing our ills, such as the brain scan and the use of sound waves. New drugs are being developed almost daily for combatting disease, including antiobiotics and new chemicals. There are new techniques in treating our ills, as in heart surgery, inhalation therapy, and replacing of organs of the body. There are new instruments to perform these miracles, as the cobalt machine, the heart-lung pump, the pacemaker for the heart, the laser beam in surgery. There are new facilities for better care of the patient, such as the intensive care unit and the progressive or minimal care unit.

There has developed a new concept in medicine in recognizing the patient as a person, and not just as a virus or a broken bone. He is now treated as a whole person, including his emotional and spiritual needs as well as his physical problems. Psychiatry has developed, spiritual therapy is an important factor, and pastoral care is a part of the total care of the sick.

Such important progress necessarily means greatly increased cost in medical care. But the high cost is more than offset by service which gives us better health, more relief from suffering and handicaps, and added years to life.

This is not the work of an institution alone - it is a cooperative enterprise. It is a ministry in which we as churches and individual Christians join hands with those who serve in our Medical Center. If this service is made available to all our people who need it, we of necessity have to provide much of the means, for there are many who cannot pay for it. This is a wonderful opportunity when we by simply giving our money can share in so important a service to our brother in need - and even hear a 'Well done', for "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'

J. Lloyd Mauney

TRAINING UNION REPORT

After much prayer and careful consideration, the following officers are presented for your approval:

Director . . . . . Miss Julia Ollis, Cranberry
Associate Director . . . . . Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury, Cranberry
Promotional Directors . . . . . Rev. Glen Burleson, Route 3, Newland
Lloyd Ramsey, Banner Elk
Pastor-Advisor . . . . . Rev. Ira Hodges, Banner Elk
Pianist . . . . . Mrs. J. T. Tanner, Newland
Song Leader . . . . . Miss Bonita Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland
Associate Song Leader . . . . . Daymon Pritchard, Route 3, Newland
Secretary and Treasurer . . . . . Mrs. Glenda Cooke Bowman, Rt. 1, Newland
Adult Leader . . . . . Rev. J. R. Puett, Crossnore
Associate Adult Leader . . . . . Homer Calloway, Plumtree
Young Peoples Leader . . . . . Kenneth Johnson, Crossnore
Intermediate Leader . . . . . Mrs. Geneva Mohr, Crossnore
Junior Leader . . . . . Walter B. Gouge, Cranberry
Primary Leader . . . . . Miss Peggy Draughon, Banner Elk
Beginner Leader . . . . . Mrs. Joe Massee, Elk Park
Nursery Leader . . . . . Mrs. L. L. Estep, Montezuma

To the best of my knowledge, we have no new Training Unions organized this

year. However, we do have some which are re-vitalized after having been silent for some time. We are thankful for these and for the faithful ones. Reports of progress and great interest in Training Union work have come to my attention. Also, reports that some few have gone to Ridgecrest for Training Union week have been most encouraging.

Let us continue to work and pray together that each church may come to have a strong Training Union. This we know, would be pleasing to our Heavenly Father and a wonderful blessing to both young and old.

May the Lord cause His face to shine upon us as we go forward into a new year of work and training.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury

MISSIONARY REPORT

I count this year the greatest in my life as I feel I am working in the center of the will of the Lord as an associational missonary in my home county. It has been a busy year but a joyous one. I have had the opportunity of visiting all of our churches except two -- and some more than once. We have tried to promote better fellowship among the churches and pastors by organizing our fellowship meetings on the third Friday night of each month. I have enjoyed working with our Bible Schools in some of our churches. Some of our churches have been faithful in support for which we are thankful to God, as it enables us to keep on keeping on for the Lord. If I can be of any help to any church or pastor, I am at your service and as close as your phone. So give me a call at 733-4747 and I will do the best I can with what I have, where I am at any time for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. Bustle

OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" - Matthew 5:8. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15.

Aaron . . . . . Mrs. J. W. Hayes
Beech Mountain . . . . . Niley Church, Wiley Church
Dave Trivett, Mrs. Ella Church
Cranberry . . . . . Harrison Ollis, Deacon
Gurney Henson, Deacon
Elk Park . . . . . Mrs. Avis Nesbitt
Mrs. Lona Harmon
Elk Valley . . . . . Avery Davis
Fairview . . . . . Infant Steven Crowder
Fall Creek . . . . . Pashley McCloud
Mrs. Hessie Parlier
Flat Springs
Henson Creek . . . . . Stokes McKinney
Grover Houston
Jonas Ridge . . . . . Johnny Ray Rose
Minneapolis . . . . . R. T. Lewis, Sr., Deacon, Homer Buchanan,
Stokes Buchanan, Deacon, Fin Holtsclaw
Mount Pleasant . . . . . Mrs. Mary Walters
Nellis Deaton

Newland . . . . . Harold G. Hayes
Mrs. Alf Banner, C. M. Lecka
Oak Grove . . . . . Mrs. Minnie Taylor
Pleasant Hill . . . . . Mrs. Jess Buchanan, Ernest Hughes
Mrs. Dona Staton, Mack Staton, Deacon,
Bulo Hughes, Henderson McKinney
Pleasant Valley . . . . . Nelson Hicks
Conley Hicks
Powdermill . . . . . Hick Buchanan, Deacon
Whites Memorial . . . . . Steve Buchanan, U. S.Navy

Respectfully submitted,
Beatrice Banner

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that we of the Avery County Baptist Association express our appreciation for the good program which has been given today, and for the wonderful Christian fellowship and the delicious meal and over-all graciousness provided by the Host Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. E. O. Bustle
Walter D. Gouge
Jonnnie B. McCoury

Table I MISSION EXPENDITURES–

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 19 67

Associational Missionary Rev. Ernest Bustle

Address Route 2, Newland, North Carolina ZIP Code 28657

	CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	127 Cooperative Program	128 Associational Missions Program	129 Designated: State Missions	130 Designated: SBC Home Missions	131 Designated: SBC Foreign Missions	132 Designated: Christian Education (Schools, etc.)	133 Designated: Children's Homes (cash plus goods)	134 Designated: Hospitals	135 Designated: Homes for the Aged	136 Designated: All Other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	137 Total Mission Expenditures	
1	Aaron	Carl Holden, Montezuma	$125	$60	$25	$30	$85	$0	$85	$40	$25	$24	$ 499	1
2	Beech Mountain	John Trivett, Rt. 1, Elk Park	165	0	0	0	0	0	37	107	0	150	459	2
3	Belview	Doris O. Shell, Cranberry	11	0	25	50	40	6	130	25	25	0	301	3
4	Big Meadows	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	50	0	0	250	4
5	Chestnut Dale	Robert Sluder, Rt. 1, Newland	0	5	0	0	0	0	50	37	0	0	82	5
6	Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry	150	50	0	85	105	0	71	30	0	0	491	6
7	Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	720	0	41	96	361	54	0	63	15	0	1452	7
8	Elk Park	Clarence Carroll, Elk Park	0	0	11	15	35	0	70	45	0	0	176	8
9	Elk Valley	Lonnie R. Aldridge, Banner Elk	0	0	0	0	15	0	102	125	0	0	377	9
10	Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	10	20	0	65	10
11	Fall Creek	Mr. Glenn Jones, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	300	0	150	100	0	0	550	11
12	Flat Springs													12
13	Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	62	50	0	30	0	13	0	178	13
14	Henson Creek	Delora Buchanan, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	50	14
15	Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Jonas Ridge	74	90	0	26	37	0	60	50	52	0	389	15
16	Minneapolis	Janie Carter, Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	124	0	0	265	16
17	Mt. Pleasant	Virgil Blalock, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	400	17
18	Newland	Ruth Calloway, Newland	1199	125	210	311	500	25	179	200	207	15	2972	18
19	Oak Grove	Judy Cornett, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	64	0	0	0	30	35	0	0	129	19
20	Pineola	Edna Moir, Pineola	0	0	120	120	50	0	0	0	0	0	290	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland	0	15	0	33	35	0	200	74	0	700	1052	21
22	Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Walter Hicks, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13	0	0	19	22
23	Powdermill	Mr. George Watson, Rt. 1, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	50	0	0	75	23
24	Roaring Creek	Judy Puckett, Rt. 1, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	40	0	0	50	24
25	Stamey Town	Mrs. Simon Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	125	75	0	300	25
26	Sugar Mountain	Mrs. Floyd Banner, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	45	11	134	218	26
27	Valley Haven	Miss Phyllis Berry, Banner Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	42	0	0	115	27
28	Whites Memorial	Dora Phillips, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	25	0	0	64	28
29	Yellow Mountain	Lana Buchanan, Plumtree	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 4 19 67

Associational Director Rev. Rayman Turbyfill

Mailing Address Cranberry, N. C. ZIP Code 28614

	CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	Year Organized	Location 1-2-3-4 5-6-7-8 9-0	Number of Services 1-2-3-4	Number of Revivals Held	No. Local Missions Started Past Year	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Total Baptisms	Other Additions (by Letter, Statement, etc.	Members Lost (by Letter, Death, Revision Church Roll, etc.)	Present Resident Members	Present Nonresident Members	Grand Total Present Members	No. Members Received By Non-Baptist Churches	No. Members Lost to Non-Baptist Churches	Pastor's Annual Salary	
1	Aaron	J. W. Overbey, Montezuma	1858	2	4	1	0	0	0	2	6	116	27	143	0	1	$3600	1
2	Beech Mountain	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1869	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	9	69	68	137	0	0	944	2
3	Belview	Bill Buchanan, Spruce Pine	1922	1	3	1	0	0	6	0	2	86	42	128	0	0	1315	3
4	Big Meadows	P. Howard Pittman, Spruce Pine.	1845	1	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	64	90	154	0	0	960	4
5	Chestnut Dale	Arthur Hoilman, Bakersville		1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	32	2	34	0	0	560	5
6	Cranberry	Raymon Turbyfill, Cranberry	1908	2	4	0	0	0	3	3	5	135	53	188	0	0	1200	6
7	Crossnore	J. R. Puett, Crossnore	1907	3	4	2	0	0	31	6	13	303	136	439	0	1	4285	7
8	Elk Park	Glenn Gentry, Elk Park	1917	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	75	18	93	0	0	1600	8
9	Elk Valley	Burl Greer, Boone	1882	1	2	1	0	0	7	9	4	119	83	202	0	1	1870	9
10	Fairview	Authur Hoilman, Bakersville	1940	2	2	2	0	0	4	3	4	77	43	120	0	0	550	10
11	Fall Creek	Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1885	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	15	87	80	167	0	0	965	11
12	Flat Springs	Ronda Earp, Vilas	1902	1														12
13	Green Valley	Arthur Hoilman, Bakersville	1886	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	39	107	0	0	622	13
14	Henson Creek	Kelce Hollifield, Rt. 4, Marion	1900	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	4	70	40	110	0	0	675	14
15	Jonas Ridge	Howard Pittman, Spruce Pine	1887	2	2	2	0	0	3	5	0	74	55	129	0	0	840	15
16	Minneapolis	Wendell Critcher, Minneapolis	1887	2	4	2	0	0	3	3	11	118	64	184	0	0	2030	16
17	Mt. Pleasant		1869	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	75	0	75	0	1	1080	17
18	Newland	J. Lloyd Mauney, Newland	1921	3	4	1	0	0	9	8	8	240	85	325	0	0	5200	18
19	Oak Grove	Max Holland, Newland	1919	1	2	2	0	0	3	6	3	85	34	119	0	0	761	19
20	Pineola	Raymon Turbyfill, Cranberry	1913	1	4	2	0	0	5	5	2	55	15	70	0	0	1800	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Homer Murdock, Spruce Pine	1905	1	4	2	0	0	11	3	20	213	130	243	1	0	1395	21
22	Pleasant Valley	R. L. Painter, Banner Elk	1893	1	4	1	0	0	10	1	2	33	91	124	0	0	137	22
23	Powdermill	Authur Hoilman, Bakersville	1914	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	90	0	0	800	23
24	Roaring Creek	Garfield Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland	1871	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	7	60	56	116	0	0	800	24
25	Stamey Town	Max Holland, Newland	1947	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	70	10	80	0	0	1200	25
26	Sugar Mountain	James Hefner, Rt. 2, Newland	1950	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	29	21	50	0	0	517	26
27	Valley Haven	Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	1948	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	2	39	23	62	0	0	750	27
28	Whites Memorial	Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine	1949	1	2	2	0	0	2	7	3	85	52	137	0	0	1200	28
29	Yellow Mountain	P. Howard Pittman, Spruce Pine	1869	2	2	1	0	0	11	3	8	97	0	97	0	0	600	29

Table B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL–

Association Avery State N. C.
For Year Ending (Month) August 1967
Associational Superintendent Joe B. Perry
Address Banner Elk ZIP Code 28604

	CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT																					
			70 Cradle Roll Enrol. (Home Ministry)	71 Nursery (under 3) Enrolment	72 Beginners (4-5) Enrolment	73 Primaries (6-8) Enrolment	74 Juniors (9-12) Enrolment	75 Intermediates (13-16) Enrolment	76 Young People Single (17-24) Enrolment	77 Young People Married (17-24) Enrolment	78 Young People Away (17-24) Enrolment	79 Adults (25-34) Enrolment	80 Adults (35-64) Enrolment	81 Adults (65 up) Enrolment	82 Extension Dept. Enrolment	83 General Officers	84 Mission Enrolment	85 Total Enrolment	86 Average Weekly Attendance	87 No. New S.S. Classes Organized Past Year	88 Church V.B.S. Enrolment	89 Mission V.B.S. Enrolment	# Home Dept. Enrolment	
1	Aaron	James E. Sudderth, Montezuma	0	2	2	11	12	6	18	0	0	28	30	0	0	0	0	109	68	1	49	0	49	1
2	Beech Mountain	James Nunley, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	0	6	8	8	5	0	14	0	15	10	10	0	2	0	78	50	0	24	0	24	2
3	Belview	Rom Huffman, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	3	6	8	10	8	3	4	0	8	29	3	0	4	0	86	50	0	42	0	42	3
4	Big Meadows	Homer Calloway, Newland	0	0	10	10	10	12	0	12	0	15	20	0	0	0	0	89	85	0	0	0	0	4
5	Chestnut Dale	Conley Huffman, Newland	0	1	2	2	0	2	3	4	1	0	23	0	0	2	0	32	30	0	0	0	0	5
6	Cranberry	Kirt P. Potter, Cranberry	0	4	6	12	22	17	22	14	0	26	12	0	0	2	0	137	88	0	0	0	0	6
7	Crossnore	Edgar Edwards, Crossnore	0	10	10	18	43	69	34	0	0	42	15	12	0	3	0	256	159	0	72	0	72	7
8	Elk Park	Joe Massee, Elk Park	0	0	3	1	7	3	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	29	29	0	43	0	43	8
9	Elk Valley	Fred Blair, Banner Elk	0	6	17	0	10	10	7	11	0	21	22	0	0	0	0	104	69	0	108	0	108	9
10	Fairview	Jack Forbes, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	15	10	0	0	0	0	45	0	12	0	0	0	82	60	0	0	0	0	10
11	Fall Creek	Allen Dugger, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	4	10	10	3	7	3	7	6	9	22	8	0	7	0	96	64	0	0	0	0	11
12	Flat Springs																							12
13	Green Valley	Bob McClellan, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	2	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	0	4	6	4	0	2	0	46	26	0	0	0	0	13
14	Henson Creek	Sherill Pittman, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	15	0	14	0	16	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	70	60	0	0	0	0	14
15	Jonas Ridge	J. R. Clark, Rutherford College, N.C.	0	3	8	10	6	11	6	0	0	0	21	0	0	2	0	67	44	0	88	0	88	15
16	Minneapolis	Edward Grindstaff, Minneapolis	0	0	14	0	12	15	15	10	0	10	28	5	0	10	0	109	85	0	0	0	0	16
17	Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	3	3	8	11	16	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	61	61	0	20	0	20	17
18	Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland	0	0	17	25	28	26	19	0	0	17	28	25	0	0	0	185	150	0	127	0	127	18
19	Oak Grove	Charles Townsend, Rt. 2, Newland	0	8	0	6	5	9	10	18	5	0	24	11	0	7	0	125	50	0	0	0	0	19
20	Pineola	George Smith, Pineola	6	0	0	10	0	10	0	10	10	8	4	2	0	0	0	65	65	40	35	0	35	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Verne Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland	0	6	13	6	13	24	25	8	0	12	38	10	0	2	0	157	113	0	0	0	0	21
22	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	1	5	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	10	3	0	2	0	33	20	0	0	0	0	22
23	Powdermill	William McKinney, Rt. 1, Newland	0	0	10	0	10	0	15	10	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	60	60	0	50	0	50	23
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland	2	6	5	4	7	4	4	5	24	6	4	0	0	0	0	71	60	0	0	0	0	24
25	Stamey Town	Simon Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	5	5	9	8	6	11	0	0	8	0	0	9	0	52	52	0	0	0	0	25
26	Sugar Mountain	Ross Church, Rt. 2, Newland	0	0	12	0	0	10	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	10	0	57	30	0	31	0	31	26
27	Valley Haven	Joe Perry, Banner Elk	0	0	9	0	5	9	15	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	46	46	1	50	0	50	27
28	Whites Memorial	Roger Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	13	5	12	9	16	0	15	12	10	0	0	7	0	89	45	0	49	0	49	28
29	Yellow Mountain	Frank Wiseman, Plumtree	0	0	15	0	14	0	13	0	0	36	0	0	0	1	0	54	54	0	53	0	53	29

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 19 67

Associational Director Miss Julia Ollis

Mailing Address Cranberry, N. C. ZIP Code 28614

	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	91 Nursery (under 3) Enrolment	92 Beginners (4-5) Enrolment	93 Primaries (6-8) Enrolment	94 Juniors (9-12) Enrolment	95 Intermediates (13-16) Enrolment	96 Young People Single (17-24) Enrolment	97 Young People Married (17-24) Enrolment	98 Adults (25-34) Enrolment	99 Adults (35-54) Enrolment	100 Adults (65 up) Enrolment	101 New Member Orientation Enrol.	102 Leader Training Enrolment	103 General Officers	104 Mission Enrolment	105 Total Enrolment	106 Average Weekly Attendance	107 No. New Unions Organized Past Year	
1	Aaron	John Hayes, Montezuma	0	0	0	11	17	17	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	55	20	0	1
2	Belview	Walter Gouge, Cranberry	0	0	6	6	6	2	2	5	15	0	0	0	4	0	46	34	0	2
3	Big Meadows	Homer Calloway, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	8	12	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	0	3
4	Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry	0	0	3	8	4	5	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	30	18	0	4
5	Crossnore	Herman Dellinger, Crossnore	0	0	5	12	0	15	0	19	0	0	0	1	3	0	55	34	0	5
6	Elk Park	Rev. Glen Gentry, Elk Park	0	0	0	5	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	15	0	6
7	Elk Valley	R. L. Jones, Boone	0	11	0	0	12	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	40	28	0	7
8	Fairview	Beatrice Cook, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25	0	8
9	Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Bettie Hooks, Rt. 2, Newland	0	4	3	3	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	19	15	0	9
10	Mount Pleasant	Mrs. Gearldine Boles, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	10
11	Newland	P. D. McDaris, Newland	0	3	5	12	5	3	4	3	8	0	0	0	4	0	46	20	0	11
12	Pineola	George Smith, Pineola	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	12
13	Pleasant Hill	Bob English, Rt. 1, Newland	2	2	3	5	6	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	24	0	13
14	Stamey Town	Daymon Pritchard, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	7	0	0	0	5	0	24	19	0	14
15	Valley Haven	Lloyd Ramsey, Banner Elk	0	6	0	2	0	5	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	12	0	15
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Table F WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION–

Association Avery State N. C.
For Year Ending (Month) August 1967
Associational President Mrs. J. R. Puett
Address Crossnore, N. C. ZIP Code

	CHURCHES	WMU PRESIDENTS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	24 WMS Organizations	25 WMS Enrolment	26 Ungraded YWA Organizations	27 Ungraded YWA Enrolment	28 Career Girls YWA Organizations	29 Career Girls YWA Enrolment	30 High School YWA Organizations	31 High School YWA Enrolment	32 Ungraded GA Organizations	33 Ungraded GA Enrolment	34 Intermediate GA Organizations	35 Intermediate GA Enrolment	36 Junior GA Organizations	37 Junior GA Enrolment	38 Ungraded Sunbeam Band Organizations	39 Ungraded Sunbeam Band Enrolment	40 Primary Sunbeam Band Organizations	41 Primary Sunbeam Band Enrolment	42 Beginner Sunbeam Band Organizations	43 Beginner Sunbeam Band Enrolment	44 Sunbeam Nursery Organizations	45 Sunbeam Nursery Enrolment	46 Mission Organizations	47 Mission Enrolment	48 GRAND TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS	49 GRAND TOTAL ENROLMENT	
1	Aaron	Mrs. Margaret Braswell, Montezuma	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1
2	Belview	Mrs. Rhetta Gouge, Cranberry	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	2
3	Cranberry	Nelle McCoury, Cranberry	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	3
4	Crossnore	Mrs. George Johnson, Crossnore	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	37	4
5	Elk Park	Mrs. Bill A. Gwinn, Elk Park	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	5
6	Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Ella Bustle, Newland	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	6
7	Newland	Mrs. J. L. Mauney, Newland	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	0	0	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	51	7
8	Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Hazel Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	8
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Table G BUILDING AND OTHER INFORMATION

Association Avery State N. C.

For Year Ending (Month) August 1967

	CHURCHES	CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	20 Value of Pastor's Home	21 Value of Church Property (including Pastor's Home)	22 Total Church Debt at End of Assoc. Year	23 Total Amount Paid on Church Debt This Assoc. Year	24 Does Church Have: Kindergarten (yes or no)	Recreation Committee	VBS	Budget	State Paper in Budget	Church Council/ Cabinet	25 Does Church Have: CHURCH LIBRARY (yes or no)	Christian Life Committee	Student Night Christmas-1966	Stewardship Committee	Mission VBS	26 Cooperative Program % of Budget	27 Associational Missions Goal as % of Budget	
1	Aaron	James Sudderth, Montezuma	0	$29,580	$5,400	$ 984	no	no	yes	yes	no		no	no	yes	no	no	3%	2%	1
2	Beech Mountain	Roy McGuire, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	10,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	yes		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	2
3	Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	0	10,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	yes	no	yes	0	0	3
4	Big Meadows	Homer Calloway, Rt. 3, Newland	0	10,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	4
5	Chestnut Dale	J. C. Isaacs, Rt. 3, Newland	0	5,000	0	0	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	5
6	Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry	0	10,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	4 1/2	3 1/2	6
7	Crossnore	Ray Watson, Pineola	$10,000	60,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	yes	no	no	6%	0	7
8	Elk Park		0	16,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		yes	no	no	no	yes	0	0	8
9	Elk Valley	Charlie Erwin, Banner Elk	0	30,000	250	461	yes	no	yes	no	no		yes	no	no	no	no	0	0	9
10	Fairview	Dewey Hughes, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	10
11	Fall Creek		0	15,000	0	0	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	yes	0	0	11
12	Flat Springs																			12
13	Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	13
14	Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Rt. 3, Newland	0	12,000	0	0	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	14
15	Jonas Ridge	J. R. Clark, Rutherford College	0	20,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	5%	0	15
16	Minneapolis	Edward Grindstaff, Minneapolis	0	35,000	0	1238	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	16
17	Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Rt. 3, Newland	0	15,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	17
18	Newland	Rudd Bare, Newland	25,000	75,700	2977	1518	no	no	yes	yes	no		no	no	no	no	no	$1,200	$200	18
19	Oak Grove	Wade Buchanan, Rt. 1, Newland	0	5,000	0	0	yes	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	19
20	Pineola	Dr. S. W. Vance, Pineola	0	10,000	0	2400	no	no	yes	yes	no		no	no	no	no	no	7%	7%	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Earl Greene, Rt. 1, Newland	15,000	45,000	850	800	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	21
22	Pleasant Valley		0	25,000	0	0	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	22
23	Powdermill	T. J. Greene, Rt. 1, Newland	0	5,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	23
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland	0	5,000	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	yes	no	no	0	0	24
25	Stamey Town	Daymon Pritchard, Rt. 3, Newland	8,000	23,000	4270	1121	no	no	no	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	25
26	Sugar Mountain	Gurney Duckworth, Rt. 2, Newland	0	5,500	0	0	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	26
27	Valley Haven	W. M. Blair, Banner Elk	0	15,000	387	2074	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	27
28	Whites Memorial	Hubert Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	0	14,000	870	746	no	no	yes	yes	yes		no	no	yes	no	no	0	0	28
29	Yellow Mountain	Gip Calloway, Rt. 3, Newland	0	25,000	350	3,249	no	no	yes	no	no		no	no	no	no	no	0	0	29

Table H TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES, AND STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION–

Association Avery State N. C. Year ending (month) August 19

Associational Treasurer Doris O. Shell

Address Cranberry, N. C. ZIP Code

	CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES (Include ZIP Code)	15 Number of Tithers	16 Budget Prom. or Emphasis Used: None	Planned Program	Growth In Christian Stewardship	Other	120 Total Receipts From Gifts	121 Pastor's Salary	122 Other Church Staff Salaries	123 Local Mission Expenditures	124 Money Spent New Construction: Local Church	Mission	125 All Other Local Expenditures	126 Total Local Expenditures	
1	Aaron	John Hayes, Montezuma	17				x	$6244	$2487	$780	$15.00	$80	0	$3979	$7341	1
2	Beech Mountain	Truman Church, Rt. 1, Elk Park	1				x	3484	944	160	0	16.49	0	536	3289	2
3	Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	10					4341	1315	0	0	0	0	1186	2501	3
4	Big Meadows	Lawrence Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	0						960	0	0	0	0	1026	1986	4
5	Chestnut Dale	H. E. Huffman, Newland	5					1838	560	48	0	0	0	567	1175	5
6	Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Green, Cranberry	Unkn.					3334	1200	180	75.00	0	0	1439	2894	6
7	Crossnare	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnare	15					16444	3835	405	0	0	0	6751	10991	7
8	Elk Park	Mrs. Clarence Carrall, Elk Park	0						1276	0	0	151	0	565	1993	8
9	Elk Valley	Flay Aldridge, Banner Elk	0					5264	1870	240	170.00	0	0	2737	5017	9
10	Fairview	Roy Cook, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0					1244	550	0	0	0	0	358	1028	10
11	Fall Creek	Beulah Dugger, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0					2366	865	288	100.00	104	0	619	2076	11
12	Flat Springs															12
13	Green Valley	Bob McClellan, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0						622	0	0	266	0	739	1627	13
14	Henson Creek	Christie Buchanan, Rt. 3, Newland	6						675	0	155.00	230	0	327	1387	14
15	Jonas Ridge	Jahnny Shell, Jonas Ridge	0					2333	725	142	0	160	0	720	1747	15
16	Minneapolis	Edd Lewis, Minneapolis	Unkn.					8483	2030	300	0	0	0	5426	7776	16
17	Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Edward Burleson, Rt. 3, Newland	4						1080	0	0	300	0	250	1630	17
18	Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland	25					24869	5437	0	0	1000	0	3746	10183	18
19	Oak Grove	Donald Burleson, Jr., Rt. 2, Newland	2					1356	761	0	0	128	0	889	1778	19
20	Pineola	Maurice Lindecamp, Pineola	15		x				1800	96	120.00	0	0	2016	2670	20
21	Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland	0					7137	1395	360	0	828	0	2378	4961	21
22	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0						137	0	0	0	0	121	258	22
23	Powdermill	T. J. Greene, Rt. 1, Newland	0						800	0	0	171	0	372	1343	23
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland	0					1500	800	0	0	0	0	150	950	24
25	Stamey Town	Mrs. Siman Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland	10					4050	1200	260	0	818	0	709	2988	25
26	Sugar Mountain	Gurney Duckworth, Rt. 2, Newland	4					1808	516	120	0	215	0	577	1429	26
27	Valley Haven	Mrs. Gary Harney, Banner Elk	12					2615	750	35	90.00	1884	0	454	3214	27
28	Whites Memorial	Mrs. Ona Carpenter, Newland	12				x		1200	180	0	1423	0	1616	4420	28
29	Yellow Mountain	Charlie Stafford, Rt. 3, Newland	7													29

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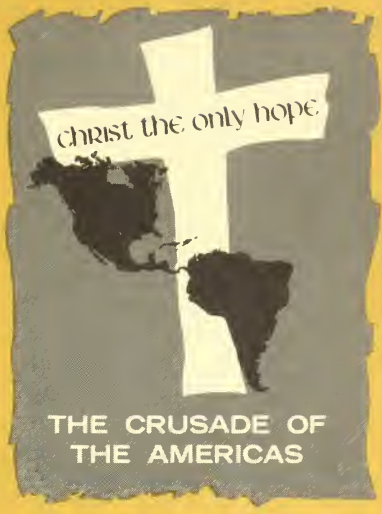

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

PLEASANT HILL AND BIG MEADOWS

BAPTIST CHURCHES

AUGUST 1 - 2, 1968

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. J. R. Puett
Vice-Moderator	Rev. James Hefner
Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Doris O. Shell
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Mary K. Estep
Historian	Dr. S. W. Vance

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

It is the purpose of the Association to provide an Organization of Cooperation for the Missionary Baptist Churches affiliated with it and to encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to encourage them in the support of the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of duly elected messengers from the membership of the various churches affiliated with the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association. (1) Each church having a membership of One-Hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger; (2) The pastors who are members of affiliated churches; (3) The duly elected officers of the Association; (4) The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

The Missionary Baptist Churches which have petitioned for membership and by vote of the Association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose and undertakings of this body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches. The vote of the Association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLES V AND VI - POWERS AND PREROGATIVES

The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the Churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way; yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body it may justly acclain for itself, for its objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes unorthodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by messenger or letter more than two (2) successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats or threats with contempt its objects and requirements. Any church desiring membership in the Avery Baptist Association shall place their petition with the Executive Committee, at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The petition shall furnish all information on the designated form which is furnished by the Executive Committee of the Association.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist upon their attendance at all sessions of the given Associational Meeting. It shall be the duty of the church to have their Associational letter read and approved

and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing; The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the Association ten (10) days prior to time for the Association to meet.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

The meetings of the Avery Baptist Association shall be held annually, beginning on the first Thursday and Friday of the Month of August, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the Association.

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Missions Committee, Associational Missionary, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Executive Committee. These officers shall be members of affiliated Baptist Churches and duly elected by the various organizations, subject to approval of the Association.

Their active term of office shall begin at the beginning of the new church year on October 1st., following their election in August, and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body.

Moderator: It shall be the duty of the Moderator to act in executive capacity at all meetings; according to the principles of a presiding officer.

Vice-Moderator: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Clerk-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other appointed members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body. As treasurer, he or she shall keep record of all funds coming into his or her possession and an account of disbursement.

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer to assist the Clerk-Treasurer in keeping records, publishing records and to act in the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Historian: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

The various heads of organizations namely, Sunday School Superintendent Training Union Director, Music Director, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Missions Committee and Chairman of Evangelism shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of same.

The Associational Missionary shall assist in all the mission activities of the Association and assist in all possible ways with each ministry of the Association, and specifically when requested by the Association.

The Executive Committee shall consist of (1) the officers of the Association; (2) the pastor of each church; provided he is a member of the church he represents; (3) a laymember, nominated and elected by the church, from the churches who do not have a pastor as member to represent them.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the Association between sessions, provided that a quorum of then (10) be present, which action shall be binding upon the Association (subject to their approval at annual session). This committee shall meet quarterly. This committee shall submit a full report of its work to the Association at each annual session, together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual Associational budget.

In event that any office, constituted by any article herein, becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by appointment of the Executive Committee.

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting; provided such alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the first days session and acted upon at the second days session.

Roberts Rules of Order, in as far as applicable, shall be followed in the governing of the Avery Baptist Association.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

History ---------- Dr. S. W. Vance
Sunday School ---------- Mr. Joe B. Perry
Training Union ---------- Mrs. Bette Hooks
Vacation Bible School ---------- Mrs. Mary K. Estep
Christian Education ---------- Rev. R. L. Painter
Temperance and Morals ---------- Rev. James Hefner
Hospital ---------- Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney
Cooperative Program ---------- Rev. Max Holland
Christian Literature ---------- Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury
Evangelism ---------- Rev. Howard Pittman
Childrens Home ---------- Rev. Joe R. Puett
Home for the Aging ---------- Mr. John Hayes
Music ---------- Mr. Kenneth Johnson
Brotherhood ---------- Rev. Homer Murdock
Womens Missionary Union ---------- Mrs. J. R. Puett
Obituaries ---------- Mrs. Beatrice Banner

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

AARON: John Hayes, Mary K. Estep, Lloyd Sudderth and W. W. Braswell
BEECH MOUNTAIN: Truman Church, Earlene Church, Mace Harmon and Dee Moore
BELVIEW: Bula Caraway, Rhetta Gouge and Rom Huffman
BIG MEADOWS: Delzie Stamey, Ada Johnson and Linda Carpenter
CHESTNUT DALE: Conley Huffman, Wesley Johnson and Clarence Sparks
CRANBERRY: Edith Brown, Nelle McCoury, Rosa Mayberry and Johnnie B. McCoury
CROSSNORE: Asa Reece, Joda Reece, John Webb, Barbara Gibson, Lois Edwards, Ann Burleson, Mrs. George Johnson, Dorothy Johnson and Rev. J. R. Puett
ELK PARK: Earlene Hayward, Dorothy Patton, Mrs. Joe Massee
ELK VALLEY: Charlie Erwin, Lonnie Aldridge and Earl Carver
FAIRVIEW: Mr. Dewey Hughes, Mrs. Dewey Hughes and Mr. Wiley Forbes
FALL CREEK: George Crawford, Herby Smith and Clay McGuire
FLAT SPRINGS: None
GREEN VALEY: Mr. Fritz Hall, Mrs. Fritz Hall, Bob McClellan
HENSON CREEK: Lee Burleson, and Iva Lee Burleson
JONAS RIDGE: Mr. L. T. Shell, Mrs. L. T. Shell, Mrs. E. O. Bustle and Mrs. Bettie Hooks
MINNEAPOLIS: Champ Young, Edward Grindstaff, Virginia Young and Bennie Hagie
MOUNT PLEASANT:
NEWLAND: Mrs. E. M. Lecka, Mrs. Howard Turbyfill, Mrs. Beatrice Banner, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Bruce Daniels, Robert Lacey and Mrs. P. D. McDaris

OAK GROVE: Rev. Max Holland, Charles Townsend
PINEOLA: Dr. S. W. Vance, Mrs. Frances Vance and Mrs. Bruce Smith
PLEASANT HILL: Verne Ollis, Earl Green, Roy Ollis, Raymond Brown, Vance Buchanan, Ersel Buchanan, Fred Buchanan and Ira Ward
PLEASANT VALLEY: Betty Bare, Mrs. Theresa Hicks and Mrs. Mae Davis
POWDER MILL: Tom Greene, Frank Jones, William McKinney and Rev. Aurther Hoilman
ROARING CREEK: None
STAMEY TOWN: Rev. Max Holland, Simon Franklin and Mrs. Coleman Burleson
SUGAR MOUNTAIN: Rev. James Hefner, Floyd Banner
VALLEY HAVEN: Mr. Joe Perry, Mrs. Joe Perry and Rev. Ira Hodges
WHITES MEMORIAL: Dora Phillips, Hubert Carpenter, Sharon Huffman, and Lila Hughes
YELLOW MOUNTAIN: Rev. Paul Pittman, Mrs. Mindie Phyne, Mrs. Leona Dellinger.

PROCEEDINGS

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Avery Baptist Association met on August 1, 1968. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Turbyfill. Hymns were led by Kenneth Johnson. The devotion was given by Floyd Hoilman, a member of Pleasant Hill Church. A roll call of the churches were given by the clerk, Mrs. Shell. There were 26 churches represented. A motion was made and it seconded that we adopt the program.

Appointments of committees were given by the moderator. Time, Place and Preacher Committee consist of: Rev. Max Holland, Mrs. Mary K. Estep and Mr. Fritz Hall. The resolution committee was, Mrs. Lloyd Mauney, Mrs. E. O. Bustle and Mr. John Hayes. An Offering was taken for the expense of the association. This amounted to $46.50.

The election of officers for 1969-69 are as follows:

Moderator	Rev. J. R. Puett
Vice-Moderator	Rev. James Hefner
Clerk and Treasurer	Mrs. Doris O. Shell
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Mary K. Estep
Historian	Dr. S. W. Vance

These were nominated and seconded, and voted on by the body. Rev. Homer Murdock expressed appreciation to Rev. Turbyfill for the fine work he has done these past years. Mrs. Shell asked that the body elect someone to take her place. At this time no one was nominated. The association gave her permission to try to find someone that would replace her

The moderator now asked that the reports be given to the association. The report on Evangelism was not given due to the absence of Rev. Vivian Brown. Mr. Isaacs Terrell from the Baptist Childrens Home spoke on the new home at Clyde, N. C. This will be a home in Western North Carolina. He stated that Mills Home and foster homes are filled and that other foster homes are needed.

A report on N. C. Baptist Foundation was given by the pastor of Blowing Rock Baptist Church. He moved that his report be adopted and put in the minutes of this association. This was adopted.

Rev. Murdock had cards printed for identifying pastors when they go into hospitals, etc. Rev. Turbyfill asked all ordained ministers be given one of these cards.

Rev. Turbyfill asked that each one present be given a copy of the new consitituion in order that they may study this and vote on the acceptance of this constitution of Friday, August 2, 1968.

Rev. J. Lloyd Mauney gave the report on N. C. Baptist Hospital. Dr. McGee from the hospital spoke to this report. Rev. Mauney moved the adoption of this report. It was moved and seconded. Dr. McGee stated that the trustees of the hospital adopted some new policies at their last meeting. One was that the hospital will have to operate on a cash basis and will have to know where the money is coming from before one is entered into the hospital. He also stated that one of the policies consist of the discontinuation of free service unless churches contributed to the Mothers Day Offering and the Cooperative Program, etc.

Brother Julian Hopkins spoke on Evangelism. He stated that there must be a spiritual awakening or revival.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. Paul Howard Pittman. He used the subject "Cooperation". After this wonderful sermon the meeting was adjourned for lunch. Rev. Mack Hodge a visiting minister closed this session with prayer.

THURSDAY - P. M.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Sunlight". The devotion was given by Mr. Junior Carver, he read from I John 1.

The W. M. U. Report was given by Rev. J. R. Puett in the absence of Mrs. Puett. This report was adopted.

The Brotherhood Report was given by Rev. Homer Murdock. This was also adopted.

The Home for the Aging report was given by Mr. John Hayes. Mr. Bruce Daniels spoke to this report. This was adopted.

Rev. James Hefner gave the report on the Churches Pastor Fellowship. Mr. Joe B. Perry presented the Sunday School Report. In the absence of Rev. Jay Overbay, Mr. John Hayes gave the report on the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Mary K. Estep gave her report on the Vacation Bible School. All of these reports were adopted.

This session closed with the singing of "Bless Be the Tie", led by the director Mr. Kenneth Johnson.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1968

The Avery Baptist Association met on Friday, August 2, 1968 at the Big Meadows Church. The program was opened with the singing of hymns. The welcome was given by Rev. Howard Pittman, pastor of the church. Devotion was given by Rev. B. G. McManhan. He read from Acts 19:1.

The Associational Missionary report was given by Rev. Ernest Bustle. This report was adopted. Rev. Bustle urged us to try to promote the Crusade of Americas and the county-wide crusade.

In the absence of Rev. Painter the Christian Education report was not given, but a representative from Mars Hill College spoke concerning the Baptists Schools in North Carolina.

A resolution committee for the day was appointed by Rev. Turbyfill. They were: Mrs. Edith Brown, Mrs. Bettie Hooks and Rev. James Hefner.

A offering was taken which amounted to $19. 27.

Mrs. Johnnie McCoury gave the report on Christian Literature. This was adopted.

The report on Baptist Childrens Home was given and adopted by Rev. James Hefner. The Training Union report was given for Miss Julia Ollis in her absence by Mrs. Johnnie McCoury. Mrs. Bettie Hooks incoming Training Union Director spoke briefly on promoting Training Union.

Rev. J. R. Puett made a motion that we take up and consider the new constitution at this time. A discussion was made concerning this constitution. Rev. Lloyd Mauney made a motion that we accept the new constitution. The motion was seconded. There was a vote taken. The nomination carried with a three-fourths majority.

Obituaries were given by Mrs. Beatrice Banner.

The annual sermon was by Rev. Homer Murdock. After this the meeting adjourned for lunch.

FRIDAY - P. M.

This session opened with the singing of hymns, "Victory in Jesus" and "O Happy Day" led by Mr. Johnson. The devotion was conducted by Rev. Max Holland in the absence of Rom Huffman. He read from Luke 16:19 using as a topic "Reaching Out".

The Music Report was given by Mr. Kenneth Johnson. He also read Psalm 33. This report was adopted.

The Historian, Dr. S. W. Vance gave the history. This was also adopted

Rev. Turbyfill asked that the committee chosen please give their reports at this time. Mrs. Bettie Hooks gave the Resolution. Time, Place and Preacher was given by Mrs. Mary K. Estep.

The next annual session is to be as follows: 1st Thursday and Friday in August, 1969; - 1st day with Beech Mountain Church, Annual Sermon by: Rev. Max Holland, Alternate by: Rev. Lloyd Ramsey

2nd Day to be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Annual Sermon by: Rev. B. G. McMahan, Alternate by: Rev. Arthur Hollman

This report was adopted. After singing of a hymn the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Nell McCoury.

REPORTS

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

On one occasion Jesus commissioned His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Even though given many years ago, this command is as relevant and up-to-date as today's newspaper. As strongly as ever before the Christian is commanded to make the love and mercy of God known to all men.

It is quite obvious that we cannot all go, we cannot all preach, we cannot all teach, and we cannot all baptize. One of the greatest of all missionaries, the apostle Paul, has pointed out this truth when he calls attention to the fact that God has given different gifts and abilities to different people. But, Paul continues to stress the fact that even though there are different gifts, all followers of Jesus are to unite in presenting Christ to all men. To the Christian today it should be obvious that the only way we individually and as a local church can fulfill the command of Jesus that all men know him, is to cooperat with literally hundreds of other churches made up of thousands of other Christians.

Because of this need for cooperation we have the Cooperative Program. This is a program that allows the local congregation the opportunity, and it is truly an opportunity, to share in the spreading of the gospel message. We may feel that our small contribution is only a drop in the bucket, but let us never forget that it is a drop and without it the bucket would not be quite as full.

As important and necessary as it is for all men to be allowed the opportunity to hear the gospel message, some churches do not support the Cooperative Program. In the Avery County Baptist Association, seventeen of the twenty-nine churches did not contribute to the Cooperative Program during the calendar year 1967. The records for this same period indicate that the twelve churches supporting the Cooperative Program gave a total of $2,714.96.

The Cooperative Program goal of North Carolina for the year 1968 is $6,750,000. Of this amount only approximately 33% will leave the state, while almost 67% will remain for work within the state. For any large undertaking

to be sucessful there must be good organization and planning. The spreading of the 'good news' is indeed a large undertaking and must be effective. The Cooperative Program is a part of the plan and organization to accomplish this task of telling all men of Christ's love.

The condition of our state, nation, and the world at large presents the church with the greatest challenge it has ever had. The question each local congregation must answer is one that calls for much thought, "Are we doing our part to meet this challenge?" It would be impossible to answer this question with an honest 'yes' if we are not participating in the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. James W. Overbay

TRAINING UNION

Due to illness and a death in the family I feel as though I have not accomplished very much in the Training Union work this year.

I wrote all churches that did not have a Training Union urging them to organize one and that I would be glad to help them with this. I did not receive a single request.

All reports indicate that those churches who have a Training Union are doing a great work.

We had one person participate in the Public Speaking Tournament, and several young people attended the Training Union Conference at Ridgecrest. We had the annual "M' night which was held at Belview Church with several Training Unions represented.

I hope and pray that each church may have a wonderful year in all phases of their work, and that all will give their cooperation to Mrs. Hooks, as she endeavors to assist our association in this important work of training.

The following officers for the coming year are presented for your approval:

Director---Mrs. Bettie Hooks
Assoc. Director---Mrs. Johnnie N. McCoury
Promotional Directors---Rev. Lloyd Ramsey, Rev. Glen Burleson
Pianist---Mrs. J. T. Tanner
Song Leader---Miss Bonita Ollis
Assoc. Song Ldr.---Daymond Pritchard
Adult Leader---Rev. J. R. Puett
Assoc. Song Ldr.---Homer Calloway
Young Peoples Ldr---Kenneth Johnson
Inter. Ldr.---Mrs. Geneva Mohr
Junior Ldr.---Walt B. Gouge
Primary Ldr.---Miss Peggy Draughon
Beginner Ldr.---Mrs. Joe Massee
Nursery Ldr.---Mrs. L. L. Estep
Pastor-Advisor---Rev. Ira Hodges
Sec'y & Treas.---Mrs. Glenda Bowman

Respectfully submitted, Julia Ollis

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Avery County Sunday School convention met at the Valley Haven Baptist Church July 20, 1968. Joe B. Perry, Superintendent, presided over the convention. Mr. Will Blair led the convention in singing assisted by Mrs. James Hefner on the piano. Rev. Ira Hodges, Pastor of Valley Haven Church welcomed the representatives of the various churches and gave an inspiring devotional, reading from the eighth chapter of Romans.

The roll call of the churches followed and reports of the work in each church represented was given. Those answering the roll call were: Aaron, Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Cranberry, Jonas Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Newland, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Stamey Town, Sugar Mountain, and Valley Haven. There were five ministers present.

Mr. Will Blair led the convention in the singing of a hymn with Mrs. Bob Banner accompaning on the piano while a love offering was given for Rev. Lloyd Ramsey who was recently burned in an accident at Holston Camp. This was followed by the annual sermon by Rev. James Hefner. In an inspriing message Rev. Hefner stressed the importance and preciousness of a soul.

After a delicious lunch served by the ladies of the host church, the meeti reconvened for the concluding session. The meeting was opened by the singin of a hymn and the evening devotional given by Rev. E. O. Bustle using the 116 Psalm.

Elected as officers were the following: Superintendent Joe B. Perry, Clerk John Hayes.

The pastors present discussed ways in which the Sunday schools help car on the work of the church, those taking part were Rev. E. O. Bustle, Rev. Ira Hodges, and Rev. James Hefner. The Vacation Bible School reports were giv by several church representatives each being encouraging from the number of boys and girls being reached and the number of churches participating. Seve timely comments on Southern Baptist Literature were shared. Committees reporting: Time, Place and Preacher with Elbert McCoury, Chairman repor ed... Third Saturday of July 1969, at Stamey Town with Rev. Max Holland, Preacher and Rev. Homer Murdock as alternate.

Resolution Committee... Rev. E. O. Bustle Chairman reported as follows Be it resolved that we of the Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention express our deep appreciation for the good program planned by the Sunday school workers, and for the wonderful Christian fellowship, hospitality, and delicious meal so graciously provided by the Valley Haven Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted, John Hayes, Clerk; Joe B. Perry, Supt

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Avery Association has had a very good year. We started the year with nine active societies and it was our priv ilege to help organize a new society at Stamey Branch Baptist Church making a total of ten societies.

I count it a blessing to have had the opportunity to serve Christ in this capacity during the past year. I have come to know and love many people as I have met them personally and talked with them by telephone. I wish to thank all of them who have helped and had a part in this work.

The annual meeting was held at the Cranberry Baptist Church and the fol lowing officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Mrs. J. R. Puett, Director; Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury, Secretary; Mrs. Edna Cuthbert son, Treasurer; Mrs. Shelby Vance, WMS Director; Mrs. J. Ray Braswell, YWA Director; Mrs. Claude Williams, GA Director; Mrs. Bob Banner, Sun beam Director; Mrs. O. E. Bustle, Mission Action Director; and Mrs. J. T. Tanner, Mission Study Chairman.

We voted to have leadership conferences in the Fall for our church leade so that we could better understand our new work.

According to the churches reporting to me, we have 125 members enroll in the WMU. Only two churches reported youth organizations.

We had nine churches represented at the annual meeting; six presidents and one pastor. Our theme was, "Unto the Least of These." Recognition wa given to the new society and its president.

We support regularly our adopted orphan. During the year, our little gi was adopted into the home of a lovely family who will care for her. Now we have another little girl who is just as sweet and just as worthy to love and hel This we have done with $10.00 per month from the societies.

Our churches gave well over $1,100 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offer- ing and over $600 to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Increases were made in our giving for State Missions, Baptist Hospital, Homes for the Aged, and the Heck Jones Offering.

Pray for us as we begin a new year of laboring together. We want God's will to be done in our lives and we desire to be a blessing to others.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. R. Puett, WMU Directo

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Christ teaching of life, as it relates to others is summed up in one word, Love. In I John 3:18 the Bible teaches us how to love. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

By loving in deed and in truth, North Carolina Baptist and other friends of the Children's Homes are making possible a Christian way of life for hundreds of boys and girls who otherwise would be denied life's best opportunities. During the past year more than 1300 children were assisted in some type of service.

The ministries of the Homes include care for children in need of specialized assistance, case work service for individuals and families.

As you know there are five Homes and encouraging progress is being made in capital funds campaign to build a home in Western North Carolina, and it is hoped that construction can begin in early 1969.

Mills Home and Kennedy Home have dedicated two family style cottages each this past year. With two additional cottages to be constructed at the Mills Home.

Various types of service in child care is offered to dependent and neglected children, with a service to be added this year for unwed mothers and their offspring. There is also a service for the emotionally disturbed.

Christian foster Homes is also a way in which our Baptist have in helping those in need. More foster homes are needed.

Some one may wonder how all this is financed. But the answer is simple. Baptist Love in deed and in truth, as we give through the Cooperative Program, special Thanksgiving offering, designated, once a month offerings, Endowment and other special gifts for our Baptist Children Homes of North Carolina.

Prayerfully submitted, Rev. James L. Hefner

FOUNDATION, 1968

During the past year, the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. has made regular and systematic progress. More and more of our Baptist people are inquiring about the services of the Foundation and are following these inquiries with concrete evidence of their concern. Some have made direct monetary contributions through the Foundation for a particular agency or institution. Others, with the help of their lawyers, have made provisions in their wills that through the Foundation Christian causes have been remembered.

One of our major emphases has been in the area of will making. Our pastors, associational superintendents, and our church representatives have given encouraging help in this educational campaign. The response in each instance, whether in an association or individual church, has been most gratifying.

We solicit your prayers and your continuing cooperation. The Foundation remains ready to assist you in any phase of our endeavors. Please call on us if we can be of assistance to you.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

This is a full year at your Baptist Hospital with more than thirty thousand sick people being given medical service and Christian ministry, and more than 165,000 visits being made to the clinics of the hospital. In addition to this, more than 700 persons are receiving training in the various fields of medical care and Christian service, and a vast amount of medical research is being done in the causes and treatments of the diseases which afflict us and our loved ones.

The Development Program, which is greatly to increase the capacity of the Medical Center to train and to serve, is progressing on schedule. The

new power plant is scheduled to go into operation in October. The paramedica school building is due to be ready by next April. It will provide the best in teaching facilities and make it possible to double the capacity of our nine schools and to add new schools. The Medical School addition is to be ready by September, 1969, and will allow that school to enlarge by 35%. Contracts are due to be let in October for the new patient building, which is to be completed in 1971. This building and the remodeling of the oldest part of the present plant will provide more than 200 new patient beds and greatly enlarged space and facilities for offices and for examinations and treatment of patients.

The cost of this large Development Program is being provided by interested individuals, corporations, foundations and government agencies, which recognize the valuable service our Medical Center is rendering and the urgent need for greatly enlarging these services.

But this is a very difficult year financially, and our hospital has been forced to make important changes in its financial policies. In the face of the mounting costs and the increasing needs of our people, the hospital has been struggling with a growing deficit. We have been told this for several years now, but the gap has continued to increase between the cost of free service and the money we have provided for this service. The amount of the free service now will have to be governed by the amount of the Mother's Day Fund. In view of this, financial arrangements must be made before a patient is admitted to the hospital, except in case of emergency. There will have to be a plan, including any insurance, for paying the estimated hospital bill, before the patient is discharged, unless the patient has been certified by his county welfare department or some other agency. The Mother's Day Fund will be used, as it has been, to pay the difference between the amount paid by the certifying agency and the total cost of caring for the patient.

Active North Carolina Baptist ministers will be given a 25% discount, and beyond this they will be charged the same as other patients. If they come through the clinic as service patients, they will be eligible for Mother's Day assistance if there is real need and other funds are not available.

The great concern at our Baptist Hospital is for our Service Patients who must have financial assistance if they get the specialized care they need. But the hospital has come to the point that it cannot continue to operate without money to cover the cost of caring for the patients it serves. In view of these circumstances, we believe the great majority of our pastors and our people will understand these changes and give their full cooperation. The Mother's Day Offering will need to be increased greatly if our hospital is to fulfill its mission to our people who most need it. We want to assure our hospital that it can depend upon us in full measure.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. LLoyd Mauney

BROTHERHOOD

Since 1965 the objective of the Brotherhood has been leading Men, young Men and boys to a deeper commitment to missions, a more meaningful prayer life for missions and to a personal involvement in missions. Thus we can say without qualification, EVERY Baptist church NEEDS and can have a Brotherhood.

Brotherhood is the missionary education program of the church for it's male membership. Baptist Men, for adult men. Baptist young men for ages 18-24. Royal Ambassadors is still the name for missionary minded boys. The organizational structure has been simplified and greater emphasis is being placed on mission study and mission action.

How we need to enlarge this phase of our work. Five churches have organized brotherhood work this past year, Pleasant Hill, Cranberry, Stamey Town, Pinola and Jonas Ridge. Other churches have inactive Brotherhood organizations. It's time for a "BROTHERHOOD REVIVAL". It is time we went out into the fields to work. God is counting on us. The fields are white unto harvest.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Homer Murdock, Bro. Pres.

BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

The past year in your Baptist Homes for the Aging has been one of the most eventful in the history of the Homes. Of primary significance was the opening of the Yanceyville Home on November 1, 1967, and dedicatory services on April 25, 1968, with Governor Dan K. Moore as the principal speaker.

When the Yanceyville Home, accommodating 31 residents, is filled to capacity, the number living in all of our Homes will reach 200. Residents at Yanceyville, Resthaven, the Albemarle Home, The Hayes Home, the Hamilton Home, and the Infirmary constitute a large and ever-growing family of elderly people who receive compassionate and tender care.

The waiting list for admission to one of our five Homes continues to grow, but has been revised and is a bit more realistic than ever before. The opening of the Yanceyville Home has relieved the pressure greatly on this waiting list, and persons are encouraged to make application from the various sections of our great State.

Baptists of North Carolina can be grateful for their record in ministering to the residents in their five Homes for the Aging. Recent reports reveal that our Baptist Homes for the Aging are giving more financial assistance to their needy aging than any other denominational Home in North Carolina. About 85% of the residents ministered unto receive assistance through the love gifts of North Carolina Baptists. These love gifts from our Baptist churches come from two main sources: (1) The Special Day Offering, received on the 3rd Sunday of February each year, from which the Homes derive $22\frac{1}{2}\%$ of their total support; (2) The Cooperative Program from which we receive $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ of total income. Gifts for 1967 through these two sources were at an all time high and amounted to around $200,000. The 1968 Special Day Offering, at this time, is reflecting an encouraging increase. Unless these two vital sources of income are increased considerably, your Baptist Homes cannot be maintained, either on the basis of quality of care, or quantity.

More than in any previous years the ministry of the Homes has been extended beyond the day to day care of the residents to our local churches and communities. Experiences have been shared in more than one Association, in World Missions Conferences, Family Life Conferences, High School classes in Family Living, etc.

Life among the residents in the Homes is most interesting, and if one wonders about activity among those whose average age is 80, let him come and see. Let everyone who is contributing to this great area of human need be grateful to the Lord to be a part of a great denomination that has had the vision to plan for the aging, and is moving forward in meeting the needs of this very deserving group.

Respectfully submitted, John E. Hayes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Acts 1:8 "And ye shall be witnesses first in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the Earth".

The Southern Baptist Conventions emphasis for 1968 being "MINISTERING" has been stressed throughout our vacation Bible schools in the Avery County Association this year. I feel we have been ministering to the boys and girls who come to us as we witness by word of mouth, through Gods Word, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit. I feel this is an "enter-ministering" effort as we reach out and witness to these boys and girls who are regulars at church as well as those that are not active or do not attend church at all, as they in turn carry the Good News of the Gospel to the unchurched parents. This I feel is one way we witness at Jerusalem or as this verse applies to us in the Local Church and Avery Association.

Southern Baptist have joined with us to witness in Judea or North Carolina. As we use student workers sent to us from our State Mission. It has been our

privilege to have such a person; one of our own local students -- Dottie Freeman from Mt. Pleasant Church, working with us this year.

We also minister in Samaria or through the Home Mission Board as we become informed and witness of its good works in many ways, and have a par in this through our prayers.

We minister as we witness to the uttermost parts of the world through the Foreign Mission Board. We learn, teach and stress the work of the diffe ent personnel of this Board and the ministries they perform as missionaries, doctors, nurses, teachers and other Christian volunteers as they give of ther selves as they serve Christ.

In VBS we minister as we worship each day by the songs we sing, by the reading as use of the Bible, through our prayers and by bringing an offering. In most churches this offering is given through the Cooperative Program to spread the gospel through the local church, Association, State Conventions, Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

This year, we have had or will have had before the end of August VBS in 23 or 24 churches out of the 29 of the Avery Association. This is a little sho of our goal. There are three churches in our association with such a few children they do not have a VBS but these boys and girls attend one of the oth schools. Since all of our schools have not been held I do not have a grand total enrolment, but they range from 20--100 persons per school. We have made some progress this year by being able to introduce our own literature i churches where it had not been used before. I feel we have had a very good year in VBS in the Avery Association in 1968.

Let us not stop here. As we begin to close out the year let us keep in mind our emphasis of "MINISTERING" and may the Lord lead you to fill your place of leadership in the VBS of your church next year as you witness and break the Bread of Life to those boys and girls who come to you. Acts 1:8.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Mary Estep

MISSIONARY

We have had the best year ever in our work. Some good cooperation, some better and some of the best, of which I am thankful to the Lord.

I have made 140 visits to our churches this year. I have preached 29 sermons, worked 23 days in Vacation Bible School, attended 11 fellowship meetings and 4 General Board Meetings, have attended 2 Missionary Conferences and supplied for some of our pastors.

I have driven around 8,000 miles. It has been a busy but a happy year for me. I am looking forward to a better year next year. As we are trying to get things better organized for the work, my service is ready for you, le me know when needed.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. E. O. Bustle

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The Bible is the most excellent volume of literature ever known to mankind. Although, it was not written with the literary value in mind. It has never become outdated and never shall. As scholars have studied it through the ages, they have come to appreciate more and more the beauty of its writings which also bring eternal life into the hearts of men through new life or eternal life. Let us give it first place in our hearts and lives, so that it can directly influence all our reading habits.

We are greatly influenced by what we read, from our earliest days thro adulthood. "Word Pictures" influence our thinking and we know that "As he thinketh in his heart so is he". Proverbs 23:7.

We have a wealth of Christian literature of the very highest level at our finger tips today. There is no excuse to waste our time in reading those ma erials which promote evil thinking. Our Southern Baptist Convention provi

for our reading each month more material than we can ever read. These publications come mainly through our Baptist Sunday School Board. Each ministry of our church can obtain material for every age group with which it deals. No one is over-looked! The unborn and those who are too old or feeble to leave their home are included through use of the Cradle Roll and Extension material. This material to be used in Bible study did not just happen. It is planned far in advance of the time it is to be used and it is written and re-written and checked and rechecked for its soundness and usefulness before it reaches the printed page. If you become acquainted with any of our writers, you will find people who are most dedicated to Christ and to His work. Also, these people are well qualified through the educational realms.

We have many excellent books which can be purchased from our Baptist Book Stores that are in connection with our Sunday School, Training Union, Mission Activities and all phases of our church work. These again, can be purchased for the individual age group.

Baptist may well be proud of the literature promoting God's word and work in our Southern Baptist Convention. No other denomination has ever produced finer literature. If we use this wealth of material in our churches and in our homes we will promote consistent Bible study. Our young children, our teen-agers, our young adults and we as older adults will live more abundantly when we learn to let only the best come into our lives. But, do read - read - read. Reading helps us to grow so that we have a better concept of God, His will for our individual life, and understand his wonderful love and mercy toward us, his children.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury

RESOLUTION for August 1, 1968

Be it resolved that we of the Avery County Baptist Association express our appreciation to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church for the wonderful food, and Christian fellowship and fine hospitality which we have enjoyed this day, August 1, 1968.

Our special thanks to the host church for making this a wonderful day.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Lloyd Mauney, Mrs. E. O. Bustle, Mr. John E. Hayes

RESOLUTION for August 2, 1968

Be it resolved that we of the Avery County Baptist Association express our appreciation for the informative program given this day, Friday, August 2, 1968 and for the Christian fellowship displayed and shared. We extend, too, our many thanks to the host church, Big Meadows, for the very gracious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Edith Brown, Mrs. Bettie Hooks Rev. James Hefner

HISTORY OF AVERY ASSOCIATION

Avery Baptist Association was organized September 20, 1912 at the Aaron Baptist Church, Montezuma. Messengers from 10 churches elected Rev. W. H. Ollis, as moderator and W. M. Framcum as Clerk.

Letters were read from the following churches: Saginaw, Aaron, Henson Creek, Elk Park, Roaring Creek, Jonas Ridge, Green Valley, Pleasant Hill, Minneapolis and Big Meadows. These 10 churches were admitted as Charter Churches, comprising the newly organized Association.

Three pastors served these 10 churches and their total salaries amounting to $595.33.

Total gifts to State Missions was $101.77

Total gifts to Foreign Missions was $40.00

Total gifts to Orphange was $10.25.

We now have a total of 29 churches and 20 pastors. Their salaries amount to approximately $33,000. Membership at the beginning was 216. At present we now have 4,000. The value of the church property is $400,000.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. S. W. Vance, Historian

IN MEMORIAM

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God". Matthew 5:8
"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Sanits". Psalm 116:1

AARON:
Elmer Pritchard
M. A. Sudderth

BEECH MOUNTAIN:
Marion Harmon

BELVIEW:
Julius R. Ollis
Emmett Gouge
Mrs. Lula Taylor

CRANBERRY:
Mrs. Rosa Hughes
Rev. Spencer McCloud

ELK VALLEY:
Sidney Smith,
Charles Cannon
Mrs. Edna Wiseman
Mrs. Alice Bailiff

FALL CREEK:
Blaine Potter
B. W. Farthing
Mrs. Edna Smith Greene

HENSON CREEK:
Robert A. Burleson

JONAS RIDGE:
Deacon H. R. Clark
Mrs. Emma Clark

NEWLAND:
Will Buchanan
Tom Key
Mrs. Bertie E. Daniels

OAK GROVE:
Arnold Parker

PLEASANT HILL:
Boyd Ollis

PLEASANT VALLEY:
Philco Hicks
Mrs. Dorcas Subrina

POWDER MILL:
Mrs. Sara Goins

ROARING CREEK:
Mrs. Okie Hopson

STAMEY TOWN:
Flora Stamey
David G. McClellan

VALLEY HAVEN:
Mrs. Ira Hodges

MT. PLEASANT:
Mrs. Sarah Deaton
Tony Burleson

Report by: Mrs. Beatrice Banner

Statistical Tables

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Clerk Doris O. Shell

Address Cranberry, N. C. Zip Code

Moderator Rev. J. R. Puett

Address Crossnore Zip Code

	CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES (Include Zip Codes)	1 Year organized	2 Location 1-10	3 Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	If "no" Service held on: 1st Sunday M	E	2nd Sunday M	E	3th Sunday M	E	4th Sunday M	E	5th Sunday M	E	4 Local missions started during past year	5 No. local missions operated by church	6 Total Baptisms	7 Other additions (by letter, statement etc.)	8 Members lost (by death, letter, revision church roll)	9 Present resident Members	10 Present non-resident Members	11 Grand total present Members	12 Received from Non-Baptist Churches	13 Members lost to Non-Baptist Churches	26 Pastor's Annual Salary
1	Aaron	Rev. J. W. Overbay, Montezuma	1858	2	no	x		x		x		x				0	0	0	0	6	110	26	137	0	0	$ 3,600
2	Beech Mountain	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove	1869	1	no			x				x				0	0	4	1	2	72	68	140	0	0	1,010
3	Belview	Rev. Lloyd Ramey, Banner Elk	1922	2	no			x				xx				0	0	0	1	2	86	42	128	0	0	985
4	Big Meadows	Rev. Howard Pittman, Spruce Pine	1845	1	no	x				xx						0	0	0	2	0	64	92	156	0	0	1,200
5	Chestnut Dale	Rev. Arthur Hoilman, Rt. 1, Bakersville		1	no			x				x				0	0	3	0	0	35	2	37	0	0	600
6	Cranberry	Rev. Lloyd Ramey, Banner Elk	1908	2	no	x	x			xx						0	0	3	6	6	141	50	191	0	0	2,300
7	Crossnore	Rev. J. R. Puett, Crossnore 28616	1907	2	yes											0	0	22	7	10	311	140	451	0	0	4,285
8	Elk Park	Rev. Glen Gentry, Elk Park	1917	3	no	x				x						0	1	1	0	0						1,200
9	Elk Valley	Rev. Burl Green, State Farm Rd., Boone	1882	1	no		x			xx						0	2	8	0	9	118	83	201	0	1	1,500
10	Fairview	Rev. Arthur Hoilman, Rt. 1, Bakersville	1940	1	no				x			x				0	0	0	0	3	76	41	117	0	0	557
11	Fall Creek	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Rt. 1, Sugar Grove	1885	1	no				x			x				0	0	3	2	7	80	86	166	0	0	1,015
12	Flat Springs																									
13	Green Valley	Rev. Arthur Hoilman, Rt. 1, Bakersville	1886	1	no		x			x						0	0	0	0	3	65	39	104	0	0	846
14	Henson Creek	Rev. Kelce Hollifield, Rt. 4, Marion	1900	1	no			x				x		x		0	0	2	2	2	90	24	114	2	1	875
15	Jonas Ridge	Rev. James Hefner, Rt. 2, Newland	1887	1	no	x			x	x			x			0	0	1	0	5	73	52	125	0	0	2,760
16	Minneapolis	Rev. Wendell Critcher, Minneapolis	1887	2	no	x	x	x		xx		x		x		0	0	2	6	6	119	66	185	0	1	3,060
17	Mount Pleasant		1868	1	no											3	3	-	-	3	60	30	90	0	0	2,293
18	Newland	Rev. Lloyd Mauney, Newland	1921	3	yes											0	0	6	3	13	241	80	321	1	1	5,339
19	Oak Grove	Rev. Max Holland, Rt. 3, Newland	1919	1	no		x	x		x		x				0	0	1	0	2	85	33	118	0	0	1,301
20	Pineola	Rev. Raymon Turbyfill, Cranberry	1913	1-2	no	x		x		x		x		x		0	0	2	2	3	55	10	55	0	0	1,800
21	Pleasant Hill	Rev. Homer Murdock, Rt. 1, Newland	1905	1	no	x			x	x			x			0	0	11	7	6	225	130	355	0	0	3,570
22	Pleasant Valley	Rev. R. L. Painter, Banner Elk	1893	1	no	x		x		x		x		x		0	0	2	0	3	23	91	114	0	0	169
23	Powder Mill	Rev. Arthur Hoilman, Rt. 1, Bakersville	1914	1	no	x				x						0	0	7	3	7	64	45	109	2	0	600
24	Roaring Creek	Rev. Garfield Hughes, Newland	1871	1	no													4		1	60	56	116	0	0	600
25	Stamey Town	Rev. Max Holland, Newland	1947	1	no	x				x						0	0	5	5	2	68	10	78	1	0	1,820
26	Sugar Mountain	Rev. James Hefner, Rt. 2, Newland	1950	1	no		x	x				x		x		0	0	3	1	1	30	21	51	0	0	1,544
27	Valley Haven	Rev. Ira Hodges, Banner Elk	1948	1	no	x						x				0	0	0	0	1	39	23	62	0	0	648
28	Whites Memorial	Rev. B. G. McManhan, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	1949	1	no	x	x			xx				x		0	0	11	1							
29	Yellow Mountain	Rev. Howard Pittman, Elm St., Spruce Pine	1869	2	no			x				x				0	0	1	3	1	97	0	100	0	0	1,200
	- 18 -	TOTALS														3	6	102	52	104	2,417	1,340	3,821	6	4	$46,677

Associational Sunday School Superintendent Joe B. Perry

Address Banner Elk, N. C. Zip Code

	CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES (Include Zip Code)	78 Nursery (under 3) enrolment	79 Beginners (4-5) enrolment	80 Primaries (6-8) enrolment	81 Juniors (9-12) enrolment	82 Intermediates (13-16) enrolment	83 Young People single (17-24) enrolment	84 Young People enrol. married (17-24)	85 Adults (25-34) enrolment	86 Adults (35-64) enrolment	87 Adults (65 up) enrolment	88 Extension dept. enrolment	89 Cradle Roll enrol. (Home Ministry)	90 Young People away (17-24) enrolment	91 Fellowship Bible Classes	92 General Officers	93 Mission enrolment	94 Total enrolment	95 Average weekly attendance	96 No. new S.S. classes organized past year	97 Church V. B. S. enrolment	98 Mission V. B. S. enrolment	99 Total V. B. S. enrolment
1	Aaron	Clyde Sudderth, Montezuma	4	5	7	4	10	11		18	32	8	12			7				118	62				
2	Beech Mountain	James Nunley, Rt. 1, Elk Park	5	5	7	6	6	7	6	10	18	8						2		80			28		28
3	Belview	Frank McKenney, Jr., Elk Park	3	6	8	10	8	3	4	8	29	3						4		86	58		40		40
4	Big Meadows	J. D. Wright, Rt. 3, Newland		12	6	10	12	8	10	6	15							2		81	90		60		60
5	Chestnut Dale	Conley Huffman, Rt. 1, Newland	2	2			9				24	4				2				43	25				
6	Cranberry	Nathan Henley, Cranberry	9	7	13	20	14	20	13	28	11	0						2		137	87		62		62
7	Crossnore	Edgar Edwards, Crossnore	10	12	15	47	65	40		26	40	10						3		268	168				
8	Elk Park	Joe Massee, Elk Park	3	2	3	5		5			12									30			40		40
9	Elk Valley	Fred Blair, Rt. 1, Elk Park	6	15		12	12	22			37									104			95		95
10	Fairview	Jack Forbes, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine			15	10				25		30								80	55				
11	Fall Creek	Junior Parlier, Rt. 1, Elk Park	8	5	7	10	5	6	12	30	16	8				25				132	78		34		34
12	Flat Springs																								
13	Green Valley	Bob McClellan, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	3	4	3	3	2	5	3	4	7	6		2				2		24					
14	Henson Creek	Donald Buchanan, Rt. 3, Newland		12		16		16	12		24									60	60	1	30		30
15	Jonas Ridge	Grady Singleton, Rt. 2, Newland	6	7	10	7	8	0	11		15							3		61	43		91		91
16	Minneapolis	Edward Grindstaff, Minneapolis		14		12	15	15	10	10	28	5				6		10		125	85				
17	Mount Pleasant	R. F. Horney, Rt. 3, Newland			6	5	5	7			26									49	60		12		12
18	Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland	15	15	19	35	25	10	10	20	25	15								189	126		147		147
19	Oak Grove	Charles Townsend, Rt. 2, Newland			21			24			34									79	60				
20	Pineola	George Smith, Pineola	6	5	4	4	6	10		15		3				4		6		63	40		39		39
21	Pleasant Hill	Verne Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland	6	13	8	10	30	28	12	16	30	15						2		170	117	1	61		61
22	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Rt. 1, Elk Park	2		6	5	2	7			19							2		41	25				
23	Powder Mill	William McKinney, Rt. 1, Newland			10	8		10	10	23		7								68			40		40
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland	2	6	5	4	8	4	2		21	7								60	50				
25	Stamey Town	Simon Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland		4	5	10	4	10	11		7					4		7		63	63		114		114
26	Sugar Mountain	Ross Church, Rt. 2, Newland		12			10		25									10		57	30				
27	Valley Haven	Joe B. Perry, Banner Elk		8		6	8		12		12									46	40		55		55
28	Whites Memorial	Olan Burleson, Rt. 3, Newland		10	15	10	10	20			16									81	49				
29	Yellow Mountain	Olen Dellinger, Rt. 3, Newland		16		14		14			30							4		78	60				
		TOTALS	90	197	193	283	274	302	138	264	528	129	12	2	48	0	59	0	2,473	1,531	2	948	0	948

TABLE C TRAINING UNION

Associational Training Union Director Bettie Hooks

Address Rt. 2, Newland Zip Code

	CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES (Include Zip Code)	100 Nursery (3 or under) enrol.	101 Beginners (4-5) enrolment	102 Primaries (6-8) enrolment	103 Juniors (9-12) enrolment	104 Intermediates (13-16) enrolment	105 Young people single (17-24) enrolment	106 Young people married (17-24) enrolment	107 Adults (25-34) enrolment	108 Adults (35-64) enrolment	109 Adults (65 up) enrolment	110 General officers	111 Mission enrolment	112 Total ongoing enrolment	113 Average weekly total attendance	114 No. of new unions organized past year	115 New member orientation-cum. enrol.	116 Church leader training-cum. enrol.	117 Member training projects-cum. enrol.	118 Grand total-ongoing & cumulative enrol.
1	Aaron	Gregory Holden, Montezuma				11	17	17		5	5				55	17					55
2	Belview	Mrs. Frances Gouge, Cranberry		1	6	6	4	1			10		4		32	25					32
3	Big Meadows	Holland Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland			4		8				10		2		20	22					20
4	Cranberry	Mrs. Edith Brown, Cranberry			3	5	6	4			5	1			24	19					24
5	Crossnore	Jim Vance, Jr., Crossnore			8	5	12	12		19					56						56
6	Elk Valley	Homer Blair, Banner Elk			5	8		12							43						43
7	Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Bettie Hooks, Newland	2	2	6	5	3			5	18				23	16					23
8	Pineola	Raymon Turbyfill, Cranberry							5	10		15			15	15					15
9	Pleasant Hill	Alfred Jones, Minneapolis	3	3	2	2	7	1	4	4	20	6	2		54	36					54
10	Stamey Town	Mason Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland				5		6		5					16	16					16
11	Valley Haven	Stewart Berry, Banner Elk		3		4				5					12	9					12
12	Newland			4	5	5	8	6	5	9	8		3		53	20					53
13	Elk Park								18							18					18
14	Fair View				5		15					5			25	18					25
	- 20 -	TOTALS	5	13	44	56	80	59	32	62	76	27	11	0	428	231	0	0	0	0	446

TABLE F WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational WMU President Mrs. J. R. Puett

Address Crossnore, N. C. Zip Code

	CHURCHES	WMU PRESIDENTS & ADDRESSES (Include Zip Code)	41 Sunbeam Nursery organizations	42 Sunbeam Nursery enrolment	43 Beginner Sunbeam Band organizations	44 Beginner Sunbeam Band enrolment	45 Primary Sunbeam Band organizations	46 Primary Sunbeam Band enrolment	47 Ungraded Sunbeam Band organizations	48 Ungraded Sunbeam Band enrolment	49 Junior GA organizations	50 Junior GA enrolment	51 Intermediate GA organizations	52 Intermediate GA enrolment	53 Ungraded GA organizations	54 Ungraded GA enrolment	55 High School YWA organizations	56 High School YWA enrolment	57 College YWA organizations	58 College YWA enrolment	59 Career girls YWA organizations	60 Career girls YWA enrolment	61 Ungraded YWA organizations	62 Ungraded YWA enrolment	63 WMS organizations	64 WMS enrolment	65 Church mission (s) organizations	66 Church mission (s) enrolment	67 Grand total organizations	68 Grand total enrolment
1	Aaron	Mrs. Nancy Blalock, Montezuma																							1	15			1	15
2	Big Meadows	Mrs. Genette Benfield, Rt. 3, Newland																							1	28			1	28
3	Cranberry	Mrs. Nelle McCoury, Cranberry																							1	11			1	11
4	Crossnore	Mrs. George Johnson, Crossnore																							1	25			1	25
5	Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Ellen Bustle, Rt. 2, Newland																							1	10			1	10
6	Newland	Mrs. Claude Williams, Newland			1	18					1	10	1	9																37
7	Pineola	Mrs. Bruce Smith, Pineola																							1	10			1	10
8	Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Hazel Ollis, Frank													1	15									1	12			2	27
9	Stamey Town	Mrs. Mason Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland																							1	13			1	13
	- 21 -	TOTALS	0	0	1	18	0	0	0	0	1	10	1	9	1	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	124			9	176

Table G BUILDING--AND OTHER INFORMATION

Associational Audio Visual Director _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

	CHURCHES	CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS AND ADDRESSES (Include Zip Code)	16 Cooperative program goal as % of total budget for coming yr.	17 Assoc. missions goal as % of total budget for coming year	18 Value of pastor's home	19 Value of church property (incl. pastor's home)	20 Total church debt at end of association year	Does church have or observe? (x-indicates yes) 28 Kindergarten	29 Recreation comm.	30 Vacation Bible School	31 State paper in budget	32 Church Council/ Cabinet	33 Library	34 Christian Life Committee	35 Student night at Christmas-1967	36 Stewardship Com.	37 Mission VBS	38 Missions comm.	39 Religious liberty Sunday	40 S.S. Council
1	Aaron	Edward Sudderth, Montezuma	5.5		$	$ 30,000	$ 5,000	y	n	y	y				y					
2	Beech Mountain	Roy McGuire, Rt. 1, Elk Park				10,000		n	n	y		y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
3	Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry				10,000	1,000	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n
4	Big Meadows	Homer Calloway, Rt. 3, Newland				10,000		n	n	y		n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
5	Chestnut Dale	J. C. Isaacs, Rt. 3, Newland																		
6	Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry	4.5	3.5		10,000		n	y	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	y	n	n
7	Crossnore	Jim Vance, Jr., Crossnore			10,000	60,000				y										
8	Elk Park	Dewey Mann, Elk Park						n	y	y	n	n	y	n	y	n	y	n	n	n
9	Elk Valley	Charlie Erwin, Rt. 1, Banner Elk				35,000		n	n	y	n	y	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
10	Fairview	Dewey Hughes, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine						n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
11	Fall Creek					15,000		n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
12	Flat Springs																			
13	Green Valley	Fritz Hall, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine				10,000														
14	Henson Creek	Paul Dellinger, Rt. 3, Newland				12,000				y										
15	Jonas Ridge	Grady Singleton, Rt. 2, Newland	5			25,000		n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
16	Minneapolis	Edward Grindstaff, Minneapolis				35,000		n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
17	Mount Pleasant					15,000		n	n	y										
18	Newland				25,000	75,700														
19	Oak Grove	Clarence Johnson, Rt. 2, Newland				5,000		n	n	n	n	y	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n
20	Pineola	Dr. S. W. Vance, Pineola	5	5		8,000		y		y	y				y					
21	Pleasant Hill	Earl Greene, Frank			15,000	45,000		n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
22	Pleasant Valley					2,500		n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
23	Powder Mill	Tom Greene, Rt. 1, Newland						n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
24	Roaring Creek					6,000														
25	Stamey Town	Danon Pritchard, Rt. 3, Newland			8,000	24,000	3,449	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
26	Sugar Mountain	Gurney Duckworth, Rt. 2, Newland	8	2		35,000	6,400	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
27	Valley Haven	Will Blair, Banner Elk				35,000	3,000	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
28	Whites Memorial	Hubert Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	14,000	0													
29	Yellow Mountain	Gip Calloway, Rt. 3, Newland	5	5	0	25,000	300	n	n	y	n	n	n	n	y	n	n	n		
		TOTALS			$58,000	$574,700	$19,149													

Associational Treasurer Doris O. Shell

Address Cranberry, N. C. Zip Code 28614

	CHURCHES	TREASURER'S AND ADDRESSES (Include Zip Code)	14	15				134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143
			Number of tithers	Budget prom. or emphasis used: None	Forward prog.	Stewardship	Growth in Christian	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts other than money	All other Receipts	Total Receipts	Pastor's salary (actually spent)	Other church staff salaries	Local mission expenditures	Money spent on new construction past year	Debt retirement	All other expenditures	Total local expenditures
1	Aaron	John Hayes, Montezuma 28653	17					$ 7,033	$	$ 7,033	$ 3,176	$ 118	$	$	$ 905	$1,877	$6,076
2	Beech Mountain	Truman Church, Rt. 1, Elk Park	1					3,115		3,115	1,010	180				870	2,060
3	Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry	8					4,295		4,295	985			2,000		856	5,841
4	Big Meadows	Lawrence Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	5								1,120			1,343		1,906	4,470
5	Chestnut Dale	Robert Sluder, Rt. 1, Newland						2,431		2,431	600			582		636	1,829
6	Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry						4,309		4,309	1,125	180		417		2,044	3,766
7	Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	16					15,879	580	16,459	3,975	90				8,005	12,070
8	Elk Park	Mrs. Joe Massee, Elk Park 28622						2,987		2,987	1,200		2,778	763		814	4,741
9	Elk Valley	Mrs. Floy Aldridge, Banner Elk								8,552	1,500	370		3,108		2,890	7,868
10	Fairview	Roy Cook, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine 28777						1,275		1,275	557	120				472	1,149
11	Fall Creek	Beulah Duggar, Elk Park 28622	6					3,010			1,015					1,441	2,456
12	Flat Springs																
13	Green Valley	Bob McClellan, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	2								846			290		478	1,614
14	Henson Creek	Milton Buchanan, Rt. 3, Newland	6							2,711	875			800		556	2,456
15	Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Rt. 2, Newland						3,997		3,997	1,460			1,676		843	3,979
16	Minneapolis	Ed Lewis, Minneapolis						8,923		8,923	3,060	300				5,563	8,923
17	Mount Pleasant		8					5,420		5,420	2,293		640			1,024	3,958
18	Newland	Bruce Daniels, Newland	25					20,486		20,486	5,339		240		3,036	3,224	11,839
19	Oak Grove	McDonald Burleson, Rt. 2, Newland	2								1,301			274		561	2,136
20	Pineola	Maurice Lindecamp, Pineola	6					1,000		1,000	1,800		120			600	2,520
21	Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland						9,997		9,997	3,570	360		817	846	2,428	8,221
22	Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Rt. 1, Elk Park									169					158	327
23	Powder Mill	Tom Greene, Rt. 1, Newland									600	50		533		404	1,588
24	Roaring Creek	Vearl Hughes, Rt. 1, Newland						3,000		3,000	600			2,375		2,375	2,525
25	Stamey Town	Mrs. Simon Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland	10					3,996	275	4,271	1,425	260		213		476	2,375
26	Sugar Mountain	Gurney Duckworth, Rt. 2, Newland	4					10,598		10,598	948	120		12,000		506	13,574
27	Valley Haven	Miss Gail Draughon, Rt. 1, Banner Elk	12					6,000		6,000	648	25		3,370		558	4,602
28	Whites Memorial	Mrs. Onie Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	14					3,989		3,989	1,200	180	90	387	620	1,089	3,566
29	Yellow Mountain	Charlie Stafford, Rt. 3, Newland	3								1,200	364		600	700	491	3,355
		TOTALS	145					$121,740	$ 855	$130,848	$43,597	$2,717	$3,868	$20,748	$6,107	$43145	$129,884

TABLE I MISSION EXPENDITURES

Associational Superintendent of Missions (Assoc. Missionary) Rev. Ernest Bustle

Address Rt. 2, Newland, N. C. Zip Code

	CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES (Include Zip Code)	144 Cooperative Program	145 Associational Missions Program	146 Designated: State Missions	147 Designated: SBC Home Missions	148 Designated: SBC Foreign Missions	149 Designated: Christian Education (Schools, etc.)	150 Designated: Children's Homes (cash plus goods)	151 Designated: Hospitals	152 Designated: Homes for the Aged	153 Designated: All Other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	154 Total Mission Expenditures
1	Aaron	Carl H. Holden, Montezuma	$ 125	$ 120	$ 25	$ 30	$ 85	$ 15	$ 109	$ 40	$ 25	$ 0	$ 574
2	Beech Mountain	John Trivette, Rt. 1, Elk Park	249	21	0	0	19	0	71	100	0	0	460
3	Belview	Mrs. Doris Shell, Cranberry	22	0	25	25	50	6	140	25	25	0	319
4	Big Meadows	Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Rt. 3, Newland	17	0	0	0	0	0	200	50	0	0	267
5	Chestnut Dale	Mrs. Treely Johnson, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0	83
6	Cranberry	Elbert W. McCoury, Cranberry	150	120	22	95	105	0	27	33	17	0	569
7	Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore	750	171	46	107	376	0	86	74	31	0	1,641
8	Elk Park	Mrs. John Hayward, Elk Park	11	0	25	0	30	0	25	25	0	0	116
9	Elk Valley	Mrs. Lomnie Aldridge, Rt. 1, Banner Elk	0	0	0	0	100	0	175	150	0	0	425
10	Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	10	0	50
11	Fall Creek	Glenn Jones, Rt. 1, Elk Park	12	0	0	0	300	0	131	90	0	0	533
12	Flat Springs												
13	Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	0	0	25	145	0	60	0	15	0	245
14	Henson Creek	Mrs. Delora Buchanan, Rt. 3, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	25	0	0	75
15	Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Rt. 2, Newland	164	140	10	30	50	0	50	32	10	5	491
16	Minneapolis	Mrs. Jannie Carter, Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	267	207	47	0	521
17	Mt. Pleasant	Vergil Blalock, Rt. 3, Newland	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
18	Newland	Mrs. Ruth Calloway, Newland	1,348	192	207	300	603	25	216	200	200	47	3,356
19	Oak Grove	Miss Judy Cornett, Rt. 2, Newland	0	30	0	0	0	0	37	83	0	0	150
20	Pineola	Mrs. R. W. Moir, Pineola	120	120	0	0	100	0	0	150	0	0	490
21	Pleasant Hill	Laurence Ollis, Rt. 1, Newland	0	0	0	78	200	0	169	120	0	600	1,167
22	Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Teresa Hicks, Rt. 1, Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	7	0	0	18
23	Powder Mill	Mrs. Ruby Greene, Rt. 1, Newland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	42
24	Roaring Creek	Mrs. Judy Puckett, Banner Elk			15				10	20			45
25	Stamey Town	Mrs. Simon Franklin, Rt. 2, Newland	50	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	50	0	175
26	Sugar Mountain	Louise Banner, Rt. 2, Newland	103	90	0	0	0	0	15	60	0	0	268
27	Valley Haven	Miss Phyllis Berry, Banner Elk	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45	0	0	91
28	Whites Memorial	Mrs. Dora Phillips, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine	0	60	0	0	0	0	25	25	0	0	110
29	Yellow Mountain	Miss Lana Buchanan, Box 64, Plumtree	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	100
		TOTALS	$ 3,121	$1,194	$375	$690	$2,163	$46	$2197	$1,623	$430	$652	$12,511

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MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

Aaron:	John Hayes, Greg Holden, Bonnie Clark, Randy Childres, Jeanie Sudderth
Beech Mountain:	Jack Cook, Truman Church, Lance Cook
Belview:	Mrs. Grace Ollis, Mrs. Rhetta Gouge, Mrs. Nina Ollis
Big Meadows:	Mrs. Delzie Stamey, Mrs. L. W. Carpenter, Miss Renee Pittman, Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mrs. Carrie Tayloe
Chestnut Dale:	Mr. & Mrs. Conley Huffman
Cranberry:	Mrs. Edyth Brown, Mrs. Lockie Turbyfill, Mrs. Faye Phillips, Mrs. Nelle McCoury, Mrs. Bernice Stanley, Mrs. Clara Hicks
Crossnore:	Mrs. Edna Cuthbertson, Miss Estella Cuthbertson, Mrs. Ann Burleson, Mrs. Lois Edwards, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Mr. Arvel Clark, Mr. Kenneth Johnson, Mrs. D. W. Pitchard, Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Mrs. Tom Dellinger, Sr.
Elk Park:	Mrs. Robert Lindley, Mrs. Sherry Freeman, Mrs. Helen Guinn.
Elk Valley:	Mr. Lonnie Aldridge, Mr. Luther Riddle, Mr. Charlie Ervin
Fairview:	Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Forbes, Mr. Billy R. Forbes
Fall Creek:	Mr. Troy Crawford, Mr. Herby Smith, Mr. Arlie Parlier, Mr. Boyd McCloud
Green Valley:	Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Hall, Mr. Bob McClellan
Henson Creek:	Mrs. Lee Burleson, Mrs. Howard Dellinger
Jonas Ridge:	Mrs. Richard Porter, Mrs. Ellen Bustle, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Shell
Minneapolis:	Mr. Eldridge Wright, Mr. Brant Lewis, Mrs. Virginia Young, Mrs. Leona Pyatte
Mount Pleasant:	Mr. James Pyatte, Mr. Dick Horney, Mrs. Vergil Blalock
Newland:	Mr. Bruce Daniels, Mrs. J. T. Tanner, Mrs. Bob Banner
Oak Grove:	Mr. Charles Townsend, Mr. Dennis Church
Pineola:	Mrs. Kathy Lindencamp, Dr. & Mrs. Shelby Vance
Pleasant Hill:	Mr. Ita Ward, Mr. Verne Ollis, Mr. Lum Buchanan, Mr. Lincoln Buchanan, Mr. Earsel Buchanan
Pleasant Valley:	Mrs. Mae Davis, Miss Betty Bare, Mrs. Theresa Hicks
Powder Mill:	Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Crosby
Roaring Creek:	Vearl Hughes, Trula Hughes, Bryan Webb
Stamey Town:	Mrs.Vida Carpenter, Mrs. Inez Burleson, Hazel Franklin
Sugar Mountain:	Mrs. Ross Church, Mr. Gurney Duckworth, Mrs. Louise Rominger, Mr. Michael Banner
Valley Haven:	Mr. & Mrs. Will Blair, Rev. Ira Hodge
Whites Memorial:	Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Carpenter, Mr. Olan Burleson, Mrs. Pauline Dellinger
Yellow Mountain:	Mrs. Pat Anderson, Mrs. Mindie Rhyne, Mrs. Dixie Pritchard

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. This body shall be known as the Avery County Baptist Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Art. 2. The membership shall consist of duly elected delegates from the various churches connected with this body, and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches. Each church of 100 members or less shall be entitled to three delegates, and every additional fifty or major fraction an additional delegate.

OBJECTS

Art. 3. The objects shall be to devise and recommend measures for increasing harmony, the intelligence and spiritual power of the churches and for directing and developing their gifts in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth.

POWER AND PREROGATIVES

Art. 4. The Association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way, yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body it may justly claim for itself, for its objects and for its recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Art. 5. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes not orthodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by delegates or letter more than two successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that threats with contempt its objects and requirements, or upon application for a church or admission.

RIGHTS OF CHURCHES

Art. 6. Each individual church shall hold and exercise all the functions of an independent Church of Jesus Christ. As consistent members of the Association, the Churches have the rights to advise when desired in a case of difficulty and to suggest plans to usefulness to be adopted. If at any time the Association shall assume unwarranted powers over the churches they shall have the right to dissolve their connection with the body.

DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the churches to appoint as delegates as far as practicable their most capable members, to insist upon their attendance and to send by them a contribution to the Association funds to pay for printing minutes and other necessary expenses. It shall be the duty of the Churches to have their associational letter read and approved and mailed to the Clerk of the Association 10 days before time for the Association to meet.

OFFICRES

Art. 8. The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, (one person), Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, and an Executive Committee consisting of the

Association. Their terms of office to begin at the conclusion of the session at which they are elected and continue till the close of the next session. All officers provided for in this article to be members of a Baptist Church belonging to this Association.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meeting punctually at the time appointed, to enforce the rules, to keep order and to exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding office according to the principles.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful record of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee shall consist of the Moderator and two other members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the Body. He may appoint an assistant when necessary.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be altered at any session of the body by a vote of two-thirds of the members.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

First Amendment: Amendment to Article 8. The Executive Committee shall be enlarged to eleven members to include the Director of Women's Missionary Work and the Director of Brotherhood.

Second Amendment: The chairman of the Mission Committee be a member of the Executive Committee as long as this committee exists.

RULES OF ORDER

I. Meetings

1. The Association shall meet annually at the time and place of its own selection.
2. During each session the Association shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hours fixed by the body.
3. All meetings shall be opened and closed with a devotional period.
4. A majority of the members present shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. No person shall speak more than twice and not longer than twenty minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
6. No members shall be allowed to stand up, talk, read or move about during the business except to gain or impart information on the subject under discussion.

II. Business

1. Call the roll of the churches and enroll delegates.
2. Reading of letters shall be referred to Committee on State of Churches.
3. Investigate the failure of the churches to be represented at the previous meetings.

4. Receive new churches.
5. Invite visitors to be seated.
6. Fill any vacancy in organization.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Adopt and follow report of Committee on Order of Business as to subjects and discussion.
9. Election of officers.
10. Miscellaneous business shall be provided for the pleasure of the Body.
11. All Customs of order herein provided for shall be decided by the rules of Mells Parlimentary Practice.

History of Avery Baptist Association

Avery Baptist Association was organized September 20, 1912 at Aaron Baptist Church. Messengers from ten churches elected Rev. W. H. Ollis, Moderator and Rev. W. F. Francum, Clerk. Letters were read from each of the ten represented: Saginaw (now Pineola), Aaron, Henson's Creek, Elk Park, Roaring Creek, Jonas Ridge, Green Valley, Pleasant Hill, Minneapolis, and Big Meadows. These were admitted as charter members of the Association. Three pastors served the ten churches on a salary totaling $595.33. Gifts to State Missions were $101.77, Foreign Missions $40.00 and the Orphanage $10.25. We now have about twenty pastors serving twenty nine churches with some 4,000 members. Gifts to all causes have increased with more contributing through the Cooperative Program. Two new churches have become members to the association, Pilgrim and Whaley.

May we realize our Stewardship obligations anew this coming year. In this fulfillment our record for next years report should bring us great joy and glory to God.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. S. W. Vance, Historian

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION

History ..... Dr. S. W. Vance
Sunday School ..... Joe B. Perry
Training Union ..... Mrs. Bette Hooks
Vacation Bible School ..... Mrs. Mary T. Estep
Christian Education ..... Rev. R. L. Painter
Temperance and Morals ..... Rev. James Hefner
Hospital ..... Rev. William Abel
Cooperative Program ..... Rev. Max Holland
Christian Literature ..... Mrs. Johnnie N. McCoury
Evangelism ..... Rev. Howard Pittman
[Alternate] Rev. Lloyd Ramsey
Childrens Homes ..... Rev. J. R. Puett
Home for the Aging ..... Mr. John Hayes
Music ..... Mr. Kenneth Johnson
Brotherhood ..... Rev. Homer Murdock
WMU ..... Mrs. J. R. Puett
Obituaries ..... Mrs. Bob Banner

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 58TH ANNUAL SESSION

The Avery Baptist Association met on August 7, 1969 at the Beech Mountain Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Puett. Hymns were led by Rev. Lloyd Ramsey. The devotion was given by Mr. Jack Cook of the Beech Mountain Baptist Church. Prayer was by Rev. Ramsey. Beech Mountain Church was observing its 100th anniversary this year. A motion was made and seconded that the program for the annual session be adopted. The following committees were appointed.

Missions Committee:	Dr. S. W. Vance, Moderator Mrs. Johnnie McCoury, Sec. Rev. Robert Lindley
Finance Committee:	Dewey Mann, Chairman Mrs. Bette Hooks, Vice Chairman Mrs. Margaret Ollis, Sec.
Resolution Committee:	Mrs. Nelle McCoury Rev. Homer Murdock Mrs. Ira Ward
Time, Place & Preacher:	Rev. Max Holland Mrs. S. W. Vance Mr. John Hayes

New pastors to the association were then introduced. They were: Rev. Robert Anderson, Rev. Dean Bare, Rev. Richard Porter, Rev. Karmon Hagaman, Rev. Robert Lindley and Rev. Paul Pittman.

An offering was taken for the expense of the association. The amount was $51.36.

Election of Officers for 1969-70

A motion was made and seconded that we keep the present moderator, Rev. Puett. There being no other nomination it was moved and seconded that Rev. Puett be elected by acclaimation. The motion carried. Rev. Homer Murdock was nominated for Vice-Moderator. This was moved and seconded. He was also elected by acclaimation. A motion was made and seconded that Mrs. Doris Shell remain as clerk and that she be given permission to select someone to help her when the need arises. This motion carried.

The report of Evangelism was given by Rev. Howard Pittman. This was adopted. Rev. Guy Cain of the Annuity Board spoke briefly on the Retirement and Annuity of the pastors and urged all churches to participate in this program.

Rev. Don Wilson spoke for the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. The Hospital report was given by Rev. Dean Bare. Dr. McGee of the N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem spoke to this report, which was adopted.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. Max Holland reading from Romans 1:8-14. The morning session then adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Richard Porter, reading from Acts I.

Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury secretary of Missions Committee read petitions from the Pilgrim Baptist Church and the Whaley Baptist Church. These churches petitioned to come into the Avery Baptist Association. Rev. Ernest Bustle made a motion that we accept the petition of the Pilgrim Baptist Church. The motion was seconded. The vote was unanimous.

It was recommended that Whaley Church come under the watch care of the association until the three (3) months of expiration date. (Rev. R. L. Painter made a motion that we accept them

after this expiration date. Rev. Dean Bare seconded the motion. The motion carried. A motion was made that at this time of expiration, that the Executive Committee be given authority to take care of this business. The motion was seconded and carried.)

The W. M. U. report was given by Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury in the absence of Mrs. Puett. This report was adopted.

The report on Brotherhood was given by Rev. Homer Murdock. This was adopted.

Mr. Bruce Daniels gave the report on Home for the Aging and also spoke to this report. This report was adopted.

The report on Christian Literature was given by Mrs. Johnnie McCoury. This report was also adopted. Rev. Pittman spoke concerning our literature and stated for us to be sure not to read everything that is on the market today, and to be aware of door to door salesman.

The report on the Cooperative Program was given by Rev. Max Holland. This was adopted by the association.

The Baptist Childrens Home was represented by Mr. Barefoot and he spoke on the new home which is being built in Waynesville, and also on the home for unwed mothers in Asheville. Rev. Puett suggested that Rev. Bustle select a place centrally located where produce may be taken for the Home to pick up.

Mr. Ted Williams, Secretary of the Department of Statistic, spoke to the association. He spoke on Co-operation and the task we have as Christians. He also stated that this was the time to get involved. To take new directions, new opportunities and commit ourselves to the task.

The Vacation Bible School report was given by Mrs. Mary T. Estep. This report was adopted.

Training Union report was given by Mrs. Bette Hooks. This report was adopted.

The report of Resolution Committee was given by Mrs. Nelle McCoury. This was adopted.

The report on Time, Place and Preacher was postponed until Friday. The session was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Arvil Clark of the Crossnore Church.

No other business the meeting adjourned until Friday, August 8, 1969.

Friday, August 8, 1969

The Avery County Baptist Association met on August 8, 1969 at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Rev. Puett. Hymns were sung by the audience and led by Mr. Kenneth Johnson, music director of the Association. The devotion was given by Rev. Benny Hagie pastor of the host church. This church was also celebrating its 100th year. The prayer was given by Rev. Dale, a missionary to Jamaica who was visiting the association.

Rev. Puett appointed the following to serve on the Resolutions Committee for the day: Rev. Lloyd Ramsey, Mrs. Richard Porter and Mrs. J. T. Tanner.

The Associational Missionary Report was given by Rev. Ernest Bustle. A motion was made and seconded to adopt this report.

The report on Christian Education was given by Rev. R. L. Painter. Mr. Truman Lewis, representing Gardner-Webb College spoke to this report. This report was adopted. Mr. Lewis told us that Gardner-Webb had 21 majors in all and that seven were related to church vocation. A new major had been added which is Biblical Language.

An offering was taken for the expense of the association. This amount for the day was $25.90. This made a total of $77.26 for the two days.

The Sunday School report was given by Rev. Ted Braswell in the absence of Mr. Joe B. Perry. This report was adopted.

Rev. Homer Murdock spoke concerning the use and sale of beer and wine in Avery County. He made a motion that a public statement be written and published in the Avery Journal stating that the associational was opposed to this. The statement appeared in the Avery Journal and read as follows: "Be it resolved that the Avery Baptist Association met on August 8, 1969 in annual session express their opposition to the sale and use of liquor, beer and wine in any city or town in Avery County." The motion Rev. Murdock made and seconded. The motion carried.

The Biblical Recorder report was sent from Raleigh, N. C., was adopted, and was to be printed in the 1969 minutes.

The annual sermon for the day was given by Rev. Arthur Hoilman, after which the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with singing of hymns led by Kenneth Johnson. The report on Time, Place and Preacher was given as follows:

Time: First Thursday and Friday in August, 1970

Place: 1st Day: Crossnore Baptist Church
2nd Day: Minneapolis Baptist Church

Preacher: 1st Day: Rev. Dean Bare
Alternate: Rev. Paul Pittman

2nd Day: Rev. Ted Braswell
Alternate: Rev. Richard Porter

Given by: John Hayes, Rev. Max Holland and Mrs. Shelby Vance.

The committee recommended that a committee be appointed to find a system of rotation of associational meeting places, based on dates of past, except when refused by each church assigned. That consideration be given smaller churches to serve the association on the second day. This report was adopted.

The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Robert Lindley. He read from St. Luke 6:12-19. His topic was "Necessity of Prayer".

The Music Report was given by Mr. Kenneth Johnson. This report was adopted. Mr. Johnson made a motion that three people be selected to work with him with the Music Program. This was seconded by Rev. Bustle. Those nominated and elected were: Sherry Freeman, Doris Greene and Robert Willis.

Rev. Puett stated that each church should keep a record of what is done in its church. The Historical Report was given by Dr. S. W. Vance. This was adopted.

The Obituaries were given by Mrs. Beatrice Banner. She read Psalm 90.

The Resolution for this session was given by Rev. Lloyd Ramsey, Mrs. Richard Porter and Mrs. J. T. Tanner.

The session ended with a hand shake and prayer.

P. S. At the time these minutes went to press Whaley Baptist Church is now a member of our Association, making a total of 31 churches.

Sunday School

The Avery County Sunday School Convention met at Stamey Town Baptist Church July 19, 1969. Joe B. Perry, Superintendent, presided over the convention. Mr. Kenneth Johnson led the convention in singing. Mr. Simon Franklin, Stamey Town Sunday School Superintendent, welcomed the representatives of the various churches and gave an inspiring devotional.

The roll call of the churches followed and reports of the work in each church represented were given. Those answering the roll call were: Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Cranberry, Crossnore, Jonas Ridge, Mount Pleasant, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Stamey Town, and Valley Haven. There were four ministers present: Rev. Howard Pittman, Rev. Homer Murdock, Rev. Max Holland, and Rev. E. O. Bustle.

Mr. Kenneth Johnson led in the singing of a hymn followed by the annual sermon delivered by Rev. Homer Murdock, his subject being "The Meaning of the Gospel". In an inspiring message Rev. Murdock stressed the importance of the Gospel.

After a delicious lunch served by the ladies of Stamey Town Church, the meeting reconvened for the concluding session. The afternoon meeting opened by the singing of a hymn and evening devotional given by Rev. Max Holland.

Elected as officers for the following year: Superintendent - - Joe B. Perry, Clerk - - John Hayes, and Assistant Superintendent - - Alfred Jones.

The Pastors present discussed ways in which the Sunday Schools help carry on the work of

the church. Vacation Bible School reports were given by various churches representatives. Several timely comments on the new Southern Baptist Literature and study courses for the 1970's were shared.

The Time, Place, and Preacher Committee reported with Rev. Bustle, Rev. Murdock, and Brother John Webb serving, that the new Convention would be held at Chestnut Dale on the 3rd Saturday of July. Rev. Dean Bare was selected to deliver the annual sermon with Rev. Arthur Hoilman as alternate.

The Resolution Committee composed of Brother Kenneth Johnson and Sister Edith Brown offered the following Resolution: Be it resolved that all present show their appreciation for the fine food, fellowship, and program of the day, the faithfulness of the ones attending and receiving the spiritual food as well as the physical. Be it further resolved that all attending give serious thought, then action to teaching the Word of God to all in their local congregation through the Sunday Schools and pray as Christ taught: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done".

Respectfully submitted

Joe B. Perry
Sunday School Superintendent

Training Ministry Report

As Christians we should learn to function, live, and work in the church. We should honor and sustain our church, and help our fellowman. The question is do we? Do we seek to regenerate Church membership, deepen understanding and commitment; and lastly, but not least, seek meaningful involvement.

Our theme for this year is Christian Involvement. Can we say we have been truly involved, or has it been in words only? We very often accept Christ as our Saviour, but not as Saviour and Lord of our life. You will have to agree there is a difference in giving a testimony for Christ, and living one day, week, month and year out. How has yours been? Are you satisfied with yourself? Are you satisfied with yourself in relationship with your Church? Are you satisfied with the reach of the work of your Church? Has your Church moved in any positive directions? Have you taken a good look at the whole situation, realizing where you are falling short as a Church? Do you, and your Church have goals to reach for? If not, you should; because this is the only way we can grow stronger in our weaker areas.

We have found 99% of our difficulty is in leadership. We find some watch things happen, some make things happen, and others don't know what goes on. Wonder which one fits our individual self? Maybe there is a need for Church Leadership Training. Have you ever given any thought to some of the things a leader should exemplify?

Did you know that only 50% of our Church members are even moderately active. This means attending two services of some kind a month. Did you know that in first place as reason for inactive membership, accounting for 37.6%, there was no new birth. In second place, accounting for 21.3%, a lack of teaching the meaning of discipleship. Thirdly, making up 14.0%, failure to provide a warm Christian fellowship and opportunities for meaningful Christian service. Could this indicate a need for New Member and Church Member Training?

May we share with you some of the reasons why Church workers leave; and ask yourself, if you can honestly say no, I do not have this in my Church. These are some of the reasons why out of every 100, 20 will leave. (Too much responsibility, lack of knowledge of Bible and materials, lack of cooperation with parents, changes, sickness, indifference, lack of conviction, move, overworked, need for training, lack of concern.) These are reasons we could help if we would.

Training isn't just Training Union on Sunday night; but it is a good beginning, if carried on in an effective way. We have the finest Training materials and opportunities found anywhere, excepting none, if we would only work together and take advantage of them. They are not for the purpose of telling us how we must do, or have to do; but are materials, information, sources and resources to act as a guideline in whatever way we may be led to use them. Every Church must examine closely itself, finding its weaker places in God's work in the mission of the Church and then work out what best meets its needs for strengthening itself in this area.

We will hear much more about New Member Training, Church Member Training, Leadership Training, Pre-school divisions, Childrens divisions, and Adult divisions. Let's hope we can work together, helping each other and lifting one another up, as Paul did in the Early Christian Church. What a great blessing it could be to our lives and in the life of the Church.

This year has been a rewarding year, for those of us working closely in this area. It was our joy to attend the State Briefing Meeting last August, to take part, as many of you, in our Associational Training Clinic at the Crossnore Church, to attend several training sessions at various times conducted by our state workers, sharing in a rewarding Associational "M" Night at the Pleasant Hill Church, a most effective Associational Youth Night in the Stamey Town Church; and the opportunity to serve in assisting four Churches in beginning a Training Program. There were visits into many other Churches in various circumstance. It is with regret, we say, there was only one young person, Timothy Mezzell, from the Crossnore Church to represent us in the young people's speaking contest at the Regional Convention, where he won first place and moved up. We hope to have several this year, representing the adults, juniors, intermediates and young people. It is our prayer and hope this year has been a beginning for greater days ahead of working, sharing and fellowship with others.

Our Training Leadership for the Association this year is one that has been prayerfully lead. It is widely spread over the Association, involving different ages, Churches and personalities; but one of zeal, awareness, faithfulness, and service. Each has been personally contacted and has readily agreed to help in any way he or she can be of service. It is our prayer and desire to work together in a team effort, keeping close contact, sharing responsibility, and better preparing ourselves to cover any area of the training work. The leadership is as follows:

Director	Bettie Hooks, Jonas Ridge
Assistant Director	Larry Barrier, Newland
Pastor-Advisor	Rev. Ted Braswell, Whites Memorial
Adult Leader	Mrs. Finn Trivette, Beech Mountain
Young People's Leader	Walter Gouge, Belview
Intermediate Leader	Mrs. Harold (Jackie) Bare, Pleasant Valley
Junior Leader	Mrs. Gaither Johnson, Big Meadows
Primary Leader	Mrs. Vearl Hughes, Roaring Creek
Beginner & Nursery Leader	Mrs. Joe Massee, Elk Park

We will work closely with our Associational Missionary in our work, and all in a team effort on our New Member, Church Member, and Church Leadership efforts.

It is our prayer to help in any way, to do anything that is helpful in assisting your Church, as the new year unfolds. May we have a great year of moving forward, if it be God's will. You know it is His word that teaches us to "Study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

Will you pray and attempt to become more approved for the Master's work as the coming days unfold; and remember before any direction is taken, ask His guidance.

Respectfully submitted

Bettie Hooks

Vacation Bible School Report

"Ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

What a glorious opportunity to witness for Christ as we unite our efforts through Vacation Bible School to reach the youth of our Church Communities. In our Vacation Bible School, we enrolled not only those on our Sunday School rolls who attend regularly, but this is a great opportunity and responsibility to go out and bring in the youth of our area who may never have attended church or heard of Christ's love for him.

Through our Vacation Bible Schools, we learn and experience real worship of God through the song we sing, the scripture we read and study, the offerings we bring for the spread of the

Gospel, and the commitments we make to Christ. We learn of the many missionary endeavors of Southern Baptist Convention. We worship, we study, we play, work and enjoy a short time set aside as our Vacation Bible School.

The work of our Vacation Bible School does not begin with the ending of school and the beginning of summer vacations. From the Convention and State levels, preparation for our Vacation Bible School begins months and years ahead. On our Associational level, our preparation begins with the ending of our Associational Meeting.

A few weeks after our annual meeting, an Associational V.B.S. Director is appointed. This director begins to make contacts in our various churches to enlist a group to attend the V.B.S. Clinic at Wingate College in January. We had such a group attend this past January who brought back to us the knowledge gained and many aids to help us improve our V.B.S. This group, in turn, sponsored an Associational V.B.S. Clinic at Big Meadows Church - - March 28, 1969. We had 12 churches participating with an attendance of 48 persons.

As school closed and summer began, 19 of our 29 churches began their V.B.S. We were blessed to have with us for a part of the summer, Miss Dottie Freeman from Mt. Pleasant Church, as our State Convention worker to aid us where ever a door were opened to her; lately Miss Betty Bare joined our efforts to have V.B.S. in every church. Both girls did a splendid job.

I feel we fell a little short, even if we thought we had a good year. I cannot be satisfied until we have 31 V.B.S. instead of 19. So, may I ask for your support in your church for V.B.S. next year, to see that your youth have a chance for extra Bible study and Christian learning.

In making preparation for next year V.B.S., please encourage your Sunday School Leaders to contact our Associational Leaders if they have some one who would attend the V.B.S. Clinic at Wingate College in January 1970. Let us also make plans to support our Associational Clinics in late March or April 1970. If your V.B.S. needs no improvement, come and share with others ways of improving the V.B.S. It is important that you make your V.B.S. reports to your Associational Director as well as to the State Director.

May I challenge you to see that every child in your church community has an opportunity to attend a V.B.S. next year.

Respectfully submitted

Mary T. Estep
V.B.S. Director

Christian Education Report

We have seven Christian Colleges in our state: Campbell College, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb College, Mars Hill College, Meredith College, Wake Forest University, and Wingate College. They have a total enrollment of 12,122 (as of October 12, 1968). I wish it were possible for you to visit these institutions and see them during a school term. You would see the beautiful buildings, their equipment, students going seriously about the task of getting an education, and a strong dedicated faculty. You would meet a faculty well prepared to teach in their fields and great Christians. There is a Christian atmosphere in our colleges that is different from other colleges. Let us learn all we can about our colleges and their work. The more we know about them, the more we can appreciate them.

If you hear or read something about them which seeks to discredit them, do not believe such until you check the truthfulness of such reports. Our colleges will welcome your interests and help you to know the truth about their work.

The students pay about 1/3 of the expense of their education. For the remainder, they depend on the giving of our people and other friends of the colleges. The Cooperative Program gives them some aid, the special offerings of our churches help. Money you give to the Christian Colleges of our denomination will be a great investment.

I would like to add that there are 600 students enrolled in these colleges, training for Special Christian Service in our churches and foreign fields.

Let us send them our young people and let us support them as we have the ability to do so.

Respectfully submitted

Roby L. Painter

Temperance and Morals

We are faced with this liquor problem across our state. What will we do about it when the time comes for us to make a decision? I hope our churches will take their stand against it. It will be up to us to let them know that in our Church Covenant we teach to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage. I hope our people will not lower their morals by helping to vote in this liquor by the drink.

Those that are living with liquor in their homes, look at their morals. Look at what it is doing to their children. We need to keep this liquor by the drink out of our business, and if we fail here I'm afraid it will take more liquor in the homes. We do not need liquor by the drink. We don't need liquor period!

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Richard Porter

Baptist Hospital Report

Our Medical Center continues a high quality program of medical care, training of medical personnel, and research in the causes and treatment of the diseases which afflict us. In the face of serious financial problems, the hospital staff is working more diligently than ever to minister to our people in keeping with their needs and to the limit of the hospital's resources.

The hospital has instituted more efficient admission procedures regarding patients' financial resources and plans for payment of hospital bills. Trained counselors are interviewing patients and their families regarding advance payments which are now required and for getting more accurate information on those who will need help. In this way they are able better to discover those patients who may be eligible for medical care assistance through Social Services departments or other health agencies, and can start proceedings at once for getting these patients certified if this has not already been done. These agencies pay a major part of the cost for a patient they certify, but not the total cost, and the Mother's Day Fund must pay the balance. A member of the family must go to the agency and give the necessary information, and getting this done is often a real problem. Many of our pastors have helped in this connection and have rendered important service for the patients and the hospital.

If it were not for the help which comes from these health agencies, our Mother's Day Fund would not last for three months. After paying the difference between what the agencies pay and the total cost for these patients, the Mother's Day Offerings are used to help as many as possible of those who are not eligible for certification and who themselves cannot pay the total cost of their care. First preference must be given to those patients whose needs are greatest and most urgent. The free care the hospital gives must now be limited in keeping with the funds provided for this purpose, however, because the hospital cannot continue to go deeper in debt.

It is important that our people understand that all of the Mother's Day Offerings and designated gifts for this ministry are used for this purpose alone, and the hospital makes them go as far as it possibly can. The Trustees and Administration of the hospital are most grateful for the fine cooperation our pastors and our people are giving, and they earnestly solicit our understanding and generous support.

Respectfully submitted

Cooperative Program Report

The question is often asked, "Is there any Biblical basis for the Cooperative program." You will not find the word, Cooperative program, in the Old or New Testament any more than you will find the words Sunday School, Training Union, Hospital, Children's Home or missions. Even though these words are not found in your Bible, we dare not question the Scriptural Authority for teaching, training, caring for the sick and home-less or telling the story of Jesus at home and abroad. You will find in both the Old and New Testaments, a "plan," as well as cooperation in promoting this plan.

God had a plan in the Old Testament. God had a plan for Abraham. God told him to leave

his own country and kindred. God promised to make him a great nation. Abraham cooperated with God and his seed became as the sands of the sea just as God had promised. God had a plan for Noah. Noah cooperated with God and seed of the human race was saved from the flood. God had a plan for Moses. God chose him to lead the children of Israel out of bondage. Moses offered excuses but God refused to listen. When Moses cooperated with God, the chosen people were delivered from bondage.

God has a plan in the New Testament. In keeping with God's plan Jesus was born in Bethlehem, born of a virgin, became sin for us, died to pay our sin debt, and arose for our justification. Christ instituted his church and has a plan for it until He returns. Jesus said "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." And only through cooperation can we do this.

His plan was one of evangelism, missions, preaching, teaching, training, healing, and caring for the unfortunate. This commission was not given to an individual, but to a group of individuals. So let us cooperate together to spread the Gospel. You may not be able to support a missionary as an individual. But when we put our dollars together, we can support hundreds of missionaries.

Our total cooperative program offering in 1966 from Avery Association was $2,183.00 with an increase in 1967 to $2,444.00, and our offering in 1968 with an even greater increase to $3,121.00 which was an increase of $938.00 in two years. 18 churches out of the 29 gave through the Cooperative Program.

Let us pray for a greater cooperation among our churches in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Max Holland

Christian Literature

As we think of the word, literature, we bring to mind, "a writing which has dignity, meaningful purpose or usefulness." Surely, Christian literature should be so measured. When we visit our Christian book stores today, we find just all types of good literature for every age group. We are most thankful this literature is made available to us. We are glad that we, our families, our friends, have access to this good reading. When we open the cover of a book, it's like opening the door into someone's home where we haven't been before. We are grateful that Christian literature gives beauty and grace to the pages so that we want to look farther into the chapters. It affords us a desire to read and become better acquainted with the good things of life - - things which took place in days gone by, the present happenings and even into things to come. Our Baptist Book stores now carry a volume of good reading for our younger set; Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People, and good picture stories for our Beginner and Nursery Age. These were not so easy to come by some few years ago. We are glad God touched the hearts of writers to prepare these for our children. Married Young People, Adults, and even older Adults or Senior Citizens will find numbers of good books for guidance into a richer, fuller life.

Our regular Church literature, such as "Quarterlies" for Sunday School and Training Union have a wealth of fine reading. Our monthly magazines - - *Home Life, Royal Service, Tell, The Window, Ambassadors, The Commission, Home Missions,* just to mention a few are gems to be treasured. I've never read any of these without learning something about the way Christ would have me live.

Our Vacation Bible School material is a library within itself. If we truly studied all of this material, we'd be better educated in the art of living Christ-like.

Of course, no other book or piece of literature can ever take the place of God's Holy Word. This is our most valued source of literature, but do we read it? All the volumes of good literature are meaningless to us if we never discover their truths and beauty. Let us endeavor to cultivate good reading habits for good Christian literature. Read for your own pleasure and understanding, and if necessary, read to your children. Soon, they'll be reading for themselves, but I do read some of all the wonderful literature provided for you.

Paul insists that we read and study so that we may know what is true. Let us hear him so that we may do always those things which are pleasing to our Lord.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury

Report of the Baptist Children's Homes

In the heart of every concerned North Carolina Baptist is the work of the Baptist Children's Homes which is a multiple service social agency, owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention. We should duplicate, as much as possible, Christ's concern and compassion for the homeless and suffering.

Building a better tomorrow has always been the dedicated concern of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Today's children will become the adults who shape tomorrow's world. No task is more important than helping a child, hurt by life, to grow into healthy, well-adjusted responsible citizenship.

Each child who comes to the Children's Homes is different, with a different need to be met and a different problem to be solved. It is the responsibility of the Homes to find the best solution possible. For many years, that meant providing food, clothing, and shelter for orphans. Today the need has changed. Today the work is with children who for various reasons have lost the security of homes and parents.

Provision should be made immediately to expand greatly our foster home program to meet the needs of these children. This can be done through an increased Thanksgiving Offering. Increasingly, your Homes are being called upon to serve children who are disturbed and emotionally ill. In addition to traditional types of child care, there is a growing need for specialized supervision and services.

The staff owes a debt of deep gratitude to their friends whose genuine concern for the welfare of our children makes this help possible - - especially our Baptist people. You have afforded hundreds of boys and girls opportunities and privileges which they otherwise could not have had.

Generous and consistent giving by North Carolina Baptist for 83 years has provided care for dependent children. With the increase in population, the development of industry, the growth of cities, and the mounting tensions that accrue to an urbanized society there will be an increasing demand for services to dependent children through the child care program.

Attention must be given to new types of programs to help children who are not being adequately cared for in other ways. At the same time, all Christian forces must mobilize to attack the causes of child neglect and dependency. With your prayers and material support, the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina will continue their Christ-ordained ministry to dependent children.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Joe R. Puett

Report of Baptist Homes for the Aging

Never before have your Baptist Homes for the Aging been more conscious of the Lord's Presence and of His Goodness than during the past year. At a time when the economy of the Homes was at its lowest ebb, with a sizeable deficit looming larger by the moment, when the weather was at its severest on the 3rd Sunday of February, the day of the Special Offering, the churches came through with an offering that promises, at this point, to be the greatest in the Homes' history. The Lord, who is in charge of the weather and in charge of the Baptist Homes for the Aging, has surely rewarded our faith and moved upon our Baptist people to see the urgency of our needs, and we are grateful.

Ours shall continue to be a relationship of trust in the Lord and faith in our Baptist people. We earnestly hope that a continued and sustained effort will be made by our churches to increase and strengthen the amount of the two main means of support for our ministry to the

Aging - - the Special Offering, and the Cooperative Program. Through these two sources, one third of the total income of the Homes is derived, and 85% of the residents, who are financially dependent, are cared for and supplemented. If we are to continue to assist these many needy persons, and if we are to reduce the deficit in the operation of the Homes, brought about by the rising cost of living, we must have more liberal support from our churches.

We do not believe that our Baptist people would want to curtail any of the vital ministries of the Homes and that they will respond to this urgent appeal.

Since last year, the Yanceyville Home, our newest Home, has been filled to capacity, and we now have almost 200 deserving older men and women living in our midst there and in our other four Homes - - Resthaven, and Hayes Home, in Winston-Salem, the Albemarle Home, in Albemarle, and the Hamilton Home, in Hamilton. These wonderful people are finding much happiness in Christian companionship with persons of their age group, and great security in knowing that they will be loved and cared for in sickness as well as in health.

It is a deeply rewarding experience to see the light and joy of Christ on an older person's face and to hear words of deep appreciation almost daily for the Christian love and nurture that North Carolina Baptists are making possible through this ministry. We believe, therefore, that our Baptist people will want to have an ever-increasing part in so worthy a labor of love in the Master's Name. We know that the Lord will not fail us, and we also believe that our people will want to be as faithful as possible.

Respectfully submitted

Music Report

Plans were made in the late part of 1968 to have a "Choral Workshop" in Avery. This consisted of various means of "whetting up" the singing of those attending by demonstration of better breathing, pronunciation of words, expression, attitude, purpose, and reason for our singing and singing better. Mr. Charles Gatwood, who is Director of Associational work in the Music Department of N.C., was with us the first two nights. The Music Director at First Church Marion, on the third night. Our only regret is so few took advantage of this great opportunity and leaders in all churches were sent a letter about it and it was in the Avery Journal. A worker will be sent into any church for a similar session, if the churches members are interested in improving on their choir and congregational singing. Newland Church and possibly others have scheduled one of the workers available. I will discuss this in detail with anyone who is interested.

The county wide revival was greatly blessed by the presence of a group of young people dedicated to singing and witnessing who came from East Taylorsville Baptist Church, with their pastor, Rev. Douglas Willet, directing this youth choir. The spirit of enthusiasm and joy in singing makes this choir. But, as stated of the Workshop again, poor attendance caused this major effort with Rev. Julain Hopkins to cease after less than a week.

Time does not permit me to visit the 29 churches of Avery regularly. However, if your church has need of any help in the music realm, I stand ready to assist and guide if unable to help you myself.

May this year be a year of Co-operation in efforts undertaken in the Association. This is what, now, is the worst need of the Avery Association, in my personal opinion.

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings. Psalm 9:11.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding. Psalm 47:5,6,7.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Johnson

Brotherhood Report

"Honor all men. Love the BROTHERHOOD. Fear God. Honor the King." 1st Peter 2:17

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Each Church should seriously consider the BROTHERHOOD organization and let it become a MISSION MINDED men's WORKING group. We, in the Avery Association, need to show our concern for our fellow man by ACTION. It might do us men good to take some pointers from our W. M. U. as recorded in Avery Minutes for year of our Lord, 1928.

"WOMAN'S WORK"

"Every Baptist woman in our association should be a W. M. U. worker. We need more workers today than ever before. For our Lord says: Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations, and we are glad the sisters have a part in this work.

The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few. Let us pray God that He will put it into the hearts of the women to do more for Him who gave His life for us that we might have a home in that glory land." - Mrs. D. P. Bridges, Mrs. D. Buchanan, and Mrs. Dock Ollis.

The Brotherhood didn't have a report for this year (1928).

The Brotherhood is an organization composed of men and boys. It's purpose is to help the Church achieve its mission tasks. A brotherhood is a fellowship of Baptist men in a local Church, organized to advance the cause of Christ through a program of missionary education and missions promotion designed to inform, motivate, and involve men and boys in the missions tasks of the church. We have the MOTIVE, may God help us to get involved as individuals and CHURCHES. "Go ye, therefore, into all the world preaching and teaching the GOSPEL, making disciples of all people, and Lo, I am with you all the way."

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Homer Murdock
Brotherhood President

Woman's Missionary Union

The annual meeting was held at Crossnore Baptist Church.

The following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Mrs. J. R. Puett, Director; Mrs. Johnnie B. McCoury, Secretary; Mrs. Edna Cuthbertson, Treasurer; Mrs. Shelby W. Vance, W. M. S. Director; Mrs. J. Ray Braswell, Y. W. A. Director; Mrs. Richard Porter, G. A. Director; Mrs. J. L. Carpenter, Assistant G. A. Director; Mrs. Bob Banner, Sunbeam Director; Mrs. Robert Lindley, Mission Action Director; Mrs. E. O. Bustle, Assistant Mission Action Director; Mrs. Margaret Ollis, Mission Study Director; and Mrs. J. L. Mauney, Assistant Mission Study Director.

We had eight churches represented at the meeting and had the privilege of having a visitor who now makes her home in Florida but was one time a resident of Elk Park and a fine W. M. U. worker.

Various things were discussed. Workshop for August 22-23, in First Baptist Church in Hickory. Camps for G. A.'s, Mission Activities of various churches. The support of our Japanese orphan and a letter and picture from her and her thankfulness at being chosen by us.

Our speaker was Mrs. James Craig, who gave us much inspiration and information about our work.

Mrs. Bob Banner read to us a letter from Rev. Cecil, who was our speaker last year. He and his family are now serving as missionaries in Hong Kong.

Various reports were given by the different churches as to the Prayer Programs in their church for Home Missions, State Missions, and Foreign Missions and also the offerings given.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J. R. Puett, W. M. U. Director

Associational Missionary's Report

Days on field	174
Visits on field	115
Sermons preached	38
Taught Sunday School lessons	34
Visual aids	4
Vacation Bible Schools	25 days
Ordination services	4
Baptismal services	2
Study courses	4
Associational meetings	20
State meetings	7
Convention meetings	4
Miles traveled	10,000

We have had another wonderful year in the associational work. I have enjoyed seeing the growth of some of our churches. And some have not done so well.

It has been a real pleasure to work with the people of the Avery Association and with the churches.

We have great plans for this coming year, as we must fully organize our association for the 70's onward. So I am depending on your prayers for strength and support.

Respectfully submitted

E. O. Bustle

1969 Associational Report

Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

Inflationary Trend Continues

During 1968, neither inflation nor the economy showed any evidence of a slow down. Even as late as the second quarter of 1969, there was no sign of a leveling off by the inflationary trend. The cost of living rose 4.7% pushing the Consumer Price Index to a record 123.7 in December, 1968. This was the greatest increase since 1951.

This inflationary trend continued to affect the buying power of everyone, including the retired.

To meet the needs of retiring ministers, church staff members, and denominational employees, the Annuity Board has developed the Southern Baptist Protection Program to provide an adequate retirement income. As the inflationary trend continues, many churches and agencies are upgrading their retirement programs by contributing 10% of total salary. The Annuity Board and state conventions heartily recommend this action.

Response to the three-plan Protection Program was good during 1968. The Program includes: Plan "A," the basic retirement fund; Plan "B," the supplementary fund; and Plan "C," the variable fund. Response was also good in the Life and Health Benefit Plans.

Highlights of 1968

1. 3,451 new members in the Southern Baptist Protection Program
2. 23,714 members now participating in Plan "A," - 1,538 more than in 1967
3. 18,086 churches providing protection for their pastors
4. 145 agencies providing protection for 9,894 employees
5. $173,863 given in relief grants

6. $6,543,169 paid in total relief and protection benefits
7. 3,106 applications for Health Benefit Plan, - 1,677 net gain
8. 790 applications for Life Benefit Plan, - 134 net gain.

Associational Baptist Foundational Report

The assets of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., have now reached beyond the one million dollar ($1,000,000) mark, including trust funds and real estate. Since the reactivation of the Foundation, around 1962, the total assets have increased from $350,000 to the present excess of slightly over one million. This is positive proof that the Baptists of North Carolina have discovered that the Foundation is really a service arm of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

As mentioned above, the Foundation renders a service to: (1) God, (2) individual Baptists, and (3) Baptist agencies and institutions. Every Baptist has an opportunity through his Foundation to provide for continuing stewardship in the agencies and institutions in which he has an interest.

The Foundation has again this year put particular interest upon the making of wills. Several of our churches have used the facilities of the Foundation to conduct Will Clinics and reports from these clinics indicate that they were most successful. We have also had an opportunity to counsel with many people concerning their own wills, and in some instances we have provided the information and direction necessary for inclusion of Baptist causes in their will.

We have had a most successful year and can attest to the fact that the Foundation is on the move and is rendering service to individual Baptists in a most concrete way.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Don Wilson

1969 Report of the Biblical Recorder to the Associations

The year 1969 has been one of the most significant in the 136-year history of the *Biblical Recorder.* True, we cannot point to any spectacular gains in circulation, but each week the *Recorder* is read by almost 300,000 North Carolina Baptists in some 90,000 homes. For almost a century and a half the Recorder has played a vital role in the life of our convention and state, and it will continue to do so.

Our pages this year have carried a variety of reports of the activities of Baptists all across the state. Early this spring membership in our 3,454 churches passed the one million mark - - an historic milestone. We also carried numerous stories and reports of the progress of the Crusade of the Americas.

The first half of this year, of course, saw much of the news interest focused on the General Assembly. Possibly more than any other assembly to date, this year's session was of vital importance to Baptists and other Christians across the state. Because of this importance, the *Recorder* gave special emphasis to reporting moral and social issues being considered by the legislature. Our readers responded in marvelous fashion, making the impact of the church felt throughout the state.

Whenever something significant was happening among North Carolina Baptists, our readers were aware of it. We hope to offer expanded coverage in the future and will always strive to improve our efforts. We want to be good stewards of the trust North Carolina Baptists have placed in us.

Naturally, we hope that this stewardship will be rewarded with more participation in leadership in our churches. The *Recorder* should be in every Baptist home.

We will continue to speak the truth in love.

Respectfully submitted

J. Marse Grant, Editor
BIBLICAL RECORDER

Obituaries

I Cor. 15:22 *"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."*

Sixteen churches reported thirty-one deaths.

When our days of toil shall cease
Waiting still for sweet release,
Nothing left but heaven and prayer
Wondering if our names were there;
Wading deep the dismal flood
Pleading naught but Jesus' blood
Whisper softly, "Wand'rer come!
Follow me, I'll guide thee home."

Marcus M. Wells

Psalm 90:10 *"The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."*

IN MEMORIAM

Beech Mountain	Deacon Spencer Jones Mrs. Mary Mitchell Roby Church
Belview	Howard Cook
Crossnore	Mrs. Joan Aldridge
Elk Park	Mrs. Lida Cardwell Mrs. Flora Hagie
Elk Valley	Mrs. Ellen Norman Rez Ward
Fall Creek	George Crawford Mrs. Una Bell South
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. America Johnson Martin Barrier Mrs. Cora Poore
Minneapolis	E. W. Lewis
Mount Pleasant	Odell Burleson Mrs. Jodie Burleson
Newland	Mrs. Nan Daniels Gaines Dock Carpenter Venus Arnold
Pineola	Robert Vance
Pleasant Hill	Deacon Vance Buchanan, Sr. Mrs. Geter Buchanan Mrs. Cretta McKinney
Powder Mill	Sam Thomas Matt Goins Mrs. Prudence Buchanan

Roaring Creek	Mrs. Iby Oaks Marion Hopson
Sugar Mountain	Mrs. Ida Braswell
Whites Memorial	Thomas E. White

Reported by:
Beatrice T. Banner

Report of Resolution Committee

We, the members of the Resolution Committee, wish to express our appreciation for the fine program of the Association and for the splendid meal prepared by the church. We appreciate the hospitality of the church and the cooperation of all those who made this meeting possible. We appreciate the fine spirit of fellowship and warmth that we have felt in this meeting. We appreciate the fine job that our moderator, Rev. J. R. Puett has done. We feel that we made a very good decision in re-electing him.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Lloyd Ramsey, Chairman
Mrs. Richard Porter
Mrs. J. T. Tanner

Resolution Committee

Be it resolved that we of the Avery Baptist Association on this day, August 7, 1969, express our appreciation for the inspiring messages brought by the various speakers throughout the program and the very efficient manner in which our business has been transacted.

Our special thanks to the Beech Mountain Church for their wonderful hospitality and delicious food that added so much to the enjoyment of our day together.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Nelle McCourry
Mrs. Ira Ward
Rev. Homer Murdock

Table A

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

	NAME OF CHURCH	1 Year organized as a church	2 Location (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0-)	3 Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	If no, services held on: 1st. Sunday M E	2nd. Sunday M E	3rd. Sunday M E	4th. Sunday M E	5th. Sunday M E	4 No. local missions started during last year	27 No. local missions currently operated	5 Fellowship groups started	28 Fellowship groups currently operated	6 No. Revivals held	7 Total Baptisms	8 Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	9 Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	10 Present resident members	11 Present nonresident members	12 Grand total present members	13 No. members received from non-Baptist denom.	14 No. members lost to non-Baptist denominations	19 Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	20 Value of church property incl. pastor's home	21 Total church debt at end of this association year	
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2	Beech Mountain	1869	1	No		✓			✓	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	9	72	67	139	0	0	0	10,000.00	0	2
3	Belview	1922	2	No	✓	✓	✓	✓		0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	70	72	142	0	0	0	10,000.00	--	3
4	Big Meadows	1845	1	No	✓		✓	✓		0	0	0	0	1	3	7	1	65	86	151	1	0	0	20,000.00	1,800.00	4
5	Chestnut Dale	1903	1	No		✓			✓	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	27	19	46	0	0	0	20,000.00	0	5
6	Cranberry	1908	2	No	✓		✓	✓		0	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	131	50	181	0	7	0	10,000.00	0	6
7	Crossnore	1907	2	Yes						0	0	0	0	1	56	12	13			506	1		$10,000.00	60,000.00	--	7
8	Elk Park	1917	1	Yes						0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	36	38	36	0	0	0	1,600.00	0	8
9	Elk Valley	1882	1	No	✓	✓	✓	✓		0	0	0	0	1	2	2	7	115	83	198	0	0	0	35,000.00	0	9
10	Fairview	1940	1	No	✓		✓			0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	78	43	124	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	Fall Creek	1885	1	No			✓		✓	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	80	88	168	0	0	0	15,000.00	0	11
12	Flat Springs																									12
13	Green Valley	1886	1	No		✓		✓		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	61	39	100	0	0	0	10,000.00	0	13
14	Henson Creek	1900	1	No	✓		✓			0	0	0	0	1	15	5	1	110	23	132	0	0	0	10,000.00	0	14
15	Jonas Ridge	1887	1	Yes						0	0	0	0	1	10	7	3	95	75	170	0	0	0	25,000.00	0	15
16	Minneapolis	1887	2	No.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	2	7	3	4	124	66	190	1	0	0	35,000.00	0	16
17	Mount Pleasant	1869	1	No		✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	2	88	50	138	0	0	0	15,000.00	0	17
18	Newland - First	1921	3	Yes						0	0	0	0	2	10	11	19	243	80	323	0	1	25,000.00	75,500.00	0	18
19	Oak Grove	1919	1	No		✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	84	33	117	6	0	0	5,000.00	0	19
20	Pineola	1913	2	No		✓	✓		✓	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	20
21	Pleasant Hill	1905	1	Yes						0	0	0	0	2	15	7	10	23	130	363	0	0	15,000.00	55,000.00	4,850.00	21
22	Pleasant Valley	1893	1	No	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	26		117	0	0	0	2,500.00	0	22
23	Powder Mill	1914	1	No						0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	68	38	106	0	0	0	10,000.00	--	23
24	Roaring Creek	1871	1	No		✓		✓		0	0	1	0	1	8	1	4	70	20	90	0	0	0	8,000.00	0	24
25	Stamey Town	1947	1	No	✓		✓	✓		0	0	0	0	2	1	2		52		79	0	0	8,000.00	24,000.00	2,539.65	25

Table A

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

	NAME OF CHURCH	1 Year organized as a church	2 Location (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0-)	3 Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	If no, services held on: 1st. Sunday M E	2nd. Sunday M E	3rd. Sunday M E	4th. Sunday M E	5th. Sunday M E	4 No. local missions started during past year	22 No. local missions currently operated	5 Fellowship groups started	28 Fellowship groups currently operated	6 No. Revivals held	7 Total Baptisms	8 Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	9 Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	10 Present resident members	11 Present nonresident members	12 Grand total present members	13 No. members received from non-Baptist denom.	14 No. members lost to non-Baptist denominations	19 Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	20 Value of church property incl. pastor's home	21 Total church debt at end of this assoc. year	
26	Sugar Mountain	1950	1	Yes						0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	30	21	51	0	0	0	$35,000.00	$5,400.00	1
27	Valley Haven	1948	1	No	✓		✓			0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	42	33	65	0	1	0	3,500.00	1,783.00	2
28	Whites Memorial	1949	1	Yes						0	0	0	0	3	8	2	9	83	40	123	1	1	0	14,000.00	0	3
29	Yellow Mountain	1869	1	Yes						0	0	0	0	1	2	8	2	107	0	107	0	0	0	25,000.00	360.00	4
30	Pilgrim	1963	3	No										3	1	3		45	23	68				20,000.00	0	5
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Table B

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

	NAME OF CHURCH	89 Nursery (under 3) enrolment	90 Beginners (4-5) enrolment	91 Primaries (6-8) enrolment	92 Juniors (9-12) enrolment	93 Intermediates (13-16) enrol.	94 Young people single (17-24) enrolment	95 Young people married (17-24) enrolment	96 Adult (25-64) enrolment	97 Adult (65 up) enrolment	98 Adult (65 up) enrolment	99 Extension dept. enrolment	100 Cradle Roll enr. (Home ministry)	101 Young people away (17-24) enrolment	102 Fellowship Bible classes	103 General officers	104 Mission enrolment	105 Total enrolment	106 Average weekly attendance	107 No. new S.S. classes reactivated last year	108 Church V.B.S. enrolment	109 Mobile V.B.S. enrolment	110 Total V.B.S. enrolment	111 Number of teachers and officers	
1	Aaron	5	4	0	10	15	10	3	5	36	9	13	0	6	0	0	0	116	65	0	48	0	48	--	1
2	Beech Mountain	0	0	10	5	5	0	33	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	70	55	0	20	0	20	7	2
3	Belview	3	6	8	10	8	3	4	8	29	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	86	57	0	44	0	44	9	3
4	Big Meadows	0	13	7	9	8	0	12	8	16	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	90	83		86	0	86	10	4
5	Chestnut Dale	3	1	1	2	2	4	4	0	22	2	0	0	1	0	6	0	49	22	0	0	0	0	6	5
6	Cranberry	6	9	11	20	13	24	10	24	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	126	82	0	63	0	63	--	6
7	Crossnore	10	14	14	27	24	25	0	54	24	0	6	0	0	0	3	0	201	150	0	87	0	87	20	7
8	Elk Park	1	4	4	2	4	6	0	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	--	0	50	0	50	--	8
9	Elk Valley	5	5	15	12	8	20	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	60	0	0	0	0	0	9
10	Fairview	0	0	15	10	0	0	0	28	0	12	0	0	0	0	3	0	75	60	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	Fall Creek	6	12	9	13	0	5	8	7	20	10	0	0	25	0	7	0	122	66	0	36	0	36	10	11
12	Flat Springs																								12
13	Green Valley	2	3	3	4	6	6	2	3	8	4	0	0	0	0	2	43	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13
14	Henson Creek	0	12	0	16	0	16	12	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	60	0	37	0	37	6	14
15	Jonas Ridge	5	10	12	13	12	0	10	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	86	56	0	94	0	94	11	15
16	Minneapolis	0	14	0	12	15	15	10	10	28	5	0	0	6	0	10	0	105	85	0	25	0	25	10	16
17	Mount Pleasant	5	0	4	6	4	13	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	54	0	0	0	0	7	17
18	Newland	0	24	20	36	29	10	12	20	25	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	190	117	1	124	0	124	--	18
19	Oak Grove	0	0	21	0	0	24	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	50	0	38	0	38	7	19
20	Pineola	0	10	6	6	8	0	8	4	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	35	0	35	0	35	10	20
21	Pleasant Hill	6	13	8	0	30	30	12	24	42	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	182	96	0	80	0	80	24	21
22	Pleasant Valley	3	2	5	3	3	5	2	2	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	18	0	18	5	22
23	Powder Mill	0	0	10	8	0	10	10	23	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	45	0	0	0	0	7	23
24	Roaring Creek	4	9	10	8	12	8	4	20	25	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	114	75	0	28	0	28	7	24
25	Stamey Town	0	10	5	9	0	7	12	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	8	0	50	48	0	42	0	42	8	25

Table B

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

	NAME OF CHURCH	89 Nursery (under 3) enrolment	90 Beginners (4-5) enrolment	91 Primaries (6-8) enrolment	92 Juniors (9-12) enrolment	93 Intermediates (13-16) enrol.	94 Young people single (17-24) enrolment	95 Young people married (17-24) enrolment	96 Adults (25-34) enrolment	97 Adults (35-64) enrolment	98 Adults (65 up) enrolment	99 Extension dept. enrolment	100 Cradle roll enrol (Home ministry)	101 Young people away (17-24) enrolment	102 Fellowship Bible classes	103 General officers	104 Mission enrolment	105 Total enrolment	106 Average weekly attendance	107 No. new S.S. classes organized past year	108 Church V.B.S. enrolment	109 Mission V.B.S. enrolment	110 Total V.B.S. enrolment	111 No. of S.S. teachers and officers	
26	Sugar Mountain	0	12	0	0	10	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	57	30	0	0	0	0	7	1
27	Valley Haven	0	9	0	0	8	0	10	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	35	0	0	0	0	0	2
28	Whites Memorial	0	10	8	8	5	6	16	4	13	3	0	0	3	2	0	2	88	45	0	45	0	45	--	3
29	Yellow Mountain	0	4	7	10	0	10	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	60	60	1	46	0	46	--	4
30	Pilgrim	2	0	3	4	6	5	8	6	15	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	35	0	0	0	0	7	5
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Table C

TRAINING UNION

	NAME OF CHURCH	112 Nursery (3 or under) enrol.	113 Beginners (4-5) enrolment	114 Primaries (6-8) enrolment	115 Juniors (9-12) enrolment	116 Intermediates (13-16) enrol.	117 Young people single (17-24) enrolment	118 Young people married (17-24) enrolment	119 Adults (25-34) enrolment	120 Adults (35-64) enrolment	121 Adults (65 up) enrolment	122 General officers	123 Mission enrolment	124 Total ongoing enrolment	125 Ongoing average weekly total attendance	126 Number of new unions organized past year	127 New member orientation-cum. enrolment	128 Church leader training-cum. enrolment	129 Member training projects-cum. enrolment	130 Grand total-ongoing & cumulative enrolment	
1	Aaron	0	0	0	11	17	17			5	5			55	17					55	1
2	Belview	0	2	6	6	4	2		10	10		2		42	28					42	2
3	Big Meadows	0	0	4	3	7	0	8				2	0	23	23			7		23	3
4	Beech Mountain	2	1	4	4	5	3	2	2	15		7		38	30					38	4
5	Cranberry	0	0	3	5	10				4		2		18	18					24	5
6	Crossnore	1	0	4	2	13			14					34	27					34	6
7	Elk Park	1	0	2	0	0	8	0	10	0	0			21	21					21	7
8	Fairview			10	10									20	20					20	8
9	Jonas Ridge		17		18	6				17		6		57	24	12				69	9
10	Newland				6	14			20					40	40					40	10
11	Oak Grove			10			7			6				23	22	1				23	11
12	Pleasant Hill		3	4	8	8	5		6	8		2		44	30					44	12
13	Stamey Town	2	4	0	8	0	4	0	0	8	0	4	0	30	18					30	13
14	Valley Haven		1			4		3		8				16	10					16	14
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Table F

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

	NAME OF CHURCH	48 Sunbeam Nursery organizations	49 Sunbeam Nursery enrolment	50 Beginner Sunbeam Band organizations	51 Beginner Sunbeam Band enrolment	52 Primary Sunbeam Band orgs.	53 Primary Sunbeam Band enrolment	54 Ungraded Sunbeam Band orgs.	55 Ungraded Sunbeam Band enrolment	56 Junior GA organizations	57 Junior GA enrolment	58 Intermediate GA organizations	59 Intermediate GA enrolment	60 Ungraded GA organizations	61 Ungraded GA enrolment	62 High school YWA orgs.	63 High school YWA enrolment	64 College YWA organizations	65 College YWA enrolment	66 Career girls YWA orgs.	67 Career girls YWA enrolment	68 Ungraded YWA organizations	69 Ungraded YWA enrolment	70 WMS organizations	71 WMS enrolment	72 Church mission(s) organizations	73 Church mission(s) enrolment	74 Grand total organizations	75 Grand total enrolment	76 No. mission study groups	77 No. mission prayer groups	78 No. mission action groups	
1	Big Meadows																							1	18			1	18				1
2	Cranberry																							1	11			1	11				2
3	Crossnore													1	3									1	11			2	26	1	1	1	3
4	Elk Park																							1	10			1	10				4
5	Jonas Ridge													1	10									1	13			2	23				5
6	Newland			1	16					1	10	1	9											1	15			4	50				6
7	Pineola																							1	10			1	10	1			7
8	Pleasant Hill							1	10					1	10									1	12			3	32				8
9	Stamey Town									1	11													1	11			2	22				9
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Table G
TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES AND STEWARDSHIP

	NAME OF CHURCH	15	16					17	18	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	
		Number of tithers	Budget prom. or emphasis used					Cooperative prog. goal as percent of total budget	Assoc. missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts other than money	All other receipts	Total receipts	Pastor's salary (actually spent)	Other church staff salaries	Local mission expenditures	Money paid out on new construction past year	Debt retirement	All other expenditures	Total local expenditures	
			None	Forward Program	Family stewardship	Growth in Christian stewardship	Other													
1	Aaron	17		✓				5		$ 8,612.00		$ 8,612.00	$3,323.00	$120.00		$ 352.00	$ 869.00	$2,440.00	$7,104.00	1
2	Beech Mountain	5									$4,321.00	4,321.00	1,340.00	190.00		905.00		792.00	3,227.00	2
3	Belview	10		✓						4,392.00		4,392.00	1,240.00				500.00	1,346.00	3,086.00	3
4	Big Meadows									7,690.00	3,500.00	11,190.00	1,200.00	462.00		5,670.00	1,700.00	1,365.00	10,398.00	4
5	Chestnut Dale									2,473.00		2,473.00	600.00			1,428.00		783.00	2,872.00	5
6	Cranberry							4½	3½	4,530.00		4,530.00	1,800.00	180.00				1,803.00	3,783.00	6
7	Crossnore	15											4,290.00	540.00				10,410.00	15,240.00	7
8	Elk Park									2,068.00		2,068.00	1,125.00		$50.00	1,038.00		1,005.00	3,209.00	8
9	Elk Valley											3,711.00	1,850.00	390.00	860.00	1,364.00		1,390.00	5,024.00	9
10	Fairview									1,500.00		1,500.00	878.00	120.00		718.00		284.00	2,000.00	10
11	Fall Creek	6								4,263.00		4,263.00	840.00		191.00	1,587.00		772.00	3,675.00	11
12	Flat Springs																			12
13	Green Valley												753.00			1,100.00		453.00	2,396.00	13
14	Henson Creek	6	✓							2,078.00	500.00	2,578.00	980.00			750.00		716.00	2,446.00	14
15	Jonas Ridge		✓					5		5,153.00		5,153.00	2,033.00			224.00		1,725.00	3,983.00	15
16	Minneapolis		✓							8,735.00		8,735.00	3,600.00	365.00				4,770.00	8,735.00	16
17	Mount Pleasant	1	✓							3,316.00		3,316.00	700.00		691.00	270.00		505.00	2,483.00	17
18	Newland	25								20,176.00		20,176.00	5,382.00						5,382.00	18
19	Oak Grove									3,177.00		3,177.00	2,110.00					910.00	3,020.00	19
20	Pineola	15		✓				0	0	3,650.00		3,650.00	1,312.00					897.00	2,209.00	20
21	Pleasant Hill		✓							11,447.00		11,447.00	3,900.00	367.00		9,069.00	700.00	2,637.00	16,673.00	21
22	Pleasant Valley												133.00			85.00		109.00	327.00	22
23	Powder Mill		✓							1,587.00		1,587.00	695.00					343.00	1,038.00	23
24	Roaring Creek									4,200.00		4,200.00	1,000.00			2,325.00		250.00	3,575.00	24
25	Stamey Town	7	✓							4,445.00		4,445.00	1,820.00			600.00		920.00	3,390.00	25

Table G
TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES AND STEWARDSHIP

	NAME OF CHURCH	15	16					17	18	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	
		Number of tithers	Budget prom. or emphasis used: None	Forward program	Family stewardship	Growth in Christian stewardship	Other	Cooperative prog. goal as percent of total budget	Assoc. missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts other than money	All other receipts	Total receipts	Pastor's salary (actually spent)	Other church staff salaries	Local mission expenditures	Money paid out on new construction past year	Debt retirement	All other expenditures	Total local expenditures	
26	Sugar Mountain							8	2	$4,205.00		$4,205.00	$1,040.00	$120.00		$2,794.00	$800.00	$676.00	$5,430.00	1
27	Valley Haven	12	✓							4,385.00		4,385.00	767.00			936.00	1,217.00	475.00	3,395.00	2
28	Whites Memorial	10								2,821.00	$1,030.00	3,852.00	1,350.00	180.00	364.00	889.00		726.00	3,510.00	3
29	Yellow Mountain	7	✓										1,200.00	364.00		1,548.00		99.00	3,211.00	4
30	Pilgrim												1,200.00			3,065.00	3,065.00		3,065.00	5
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Table H

MISSION EXPENDITURES

	NAME OF CHURCH	156 Cooperative Program	157 Associational Missions Program	158 Designated: State missions	159 Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong offering.)	160 Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon offering.)	161 Designated: Christian educ. (schools, etc.)	162 Designated: children's homes (cash plus goods)	163 Designated: hospitals	164 Designated: homes for the aged	165 Designated: all other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	166 Total mission expenditures	
1	Aaron	$400.00				$50.00		$ 26.00			$285.00	$ 761.00	1
2	Beech Mountain	244.00						106.00	$48.00	$11.00	242.00	651.00	2
3	Belview	37.00		$25.00	$35.00	50.00	$31.00	100.00	50.00			328.00	3
4	Big Meadows							192.58	100.00			292.58	4
5	Chestnut Dale							125.00	50.00			175.00	5
6	Cranberry	150.00	$120.00	18.00	95.00	115.00		34.43	30.00	12.59		574.00	6
7	Crossnore	720.00	120.00	15.00	134.00	422.00		60.00	69.00	12.00		1,552.00	7
8	Elk Park	40.52				26.00		40.00				106.52	8
9	Elk Valley							120.00	100.00			220.00	9
10	Fairview							12.00	18.00			30.00	10
11	Fall Creek	16.00				310.00		175.00	100.00			601.00	11
12	Flat Springs												12
13	Green Valley				$ 8.20	175.00						183.20	13
14	Henson Creek							25.00	25.00			50.00	14
15	Jonas Ridge	239.61	102.00	48.34	42.37	85.26	7.00	50.00	35.00		38.00	567.58	15
16	Minneapolis							197.00	140.00	45.00		382.00	16
17	Mt. Pleasant							156.00				156.00	17
18	Newland	1,396.00	209.00	226.00	302.00	600.00	25.00	244.00	200.00	242.00	124.00	3,568.00	18
19	Oak Grove		26.00		60.00	60.00		48.00	48.00			242.00	19
20	Pineola	120.00		120.00				60.00	35.00			335.00	20
21	Pleasant Hill		80.00		20.00	300.00		215.00	84.00		624.00	1,323.00	21
22	Pleasant Valley												22
23	Powder Mill							39.53				39.53	23
24	Roaring Creek	15.00	20.00						25.00			60.00	24
25	Stamey Town	200.00			25.00	25.00		6.23		14.00		270.25	25

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MISSION EXPENDITURES

	NAME OF CHURCH	156 Cooperative Program	157 Associational Missions Program	158 Designated: State missions	159 Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong offering.)	160 Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon offering.)	161 Designated: Christian educ. (schools, etc.)	162 Designated: children's homes (cash plus goods)	163 Designated: hospitals	164 Designated: homes for the aged	165 Designated: all other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	166 Total mission expenditures	
26	Sugar Mountain	$156.00	$60.00					$64.00	$55.00			$335.00	1
27	Valley Haven	37.50						53.50				91.00	2
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OFFICERS

Moderator . . . . . Rev. Max Holland
Vice Moderator . . . . . Rev. Robert Lindley
Clerk-Treasurer . . . . . Mrs. Doris O. Shell
Historian . . . . . Dr. S. W. Vance

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

It is the purpose of the Association to provide an Organization of Cooperation for the Missionary Baptist Churches affiliated with it and to encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to encourage them in the support of the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of duly elected messengers from the membership of the various churches affiliated with the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association. (1) Each church having a membership of One-Hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger; (2) The pastors who are members of affiliated churches; (3) The duly elected officers of the Association; (4) The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

The Missionary Baptist Churches which have petitioned for membership and by vote of the Association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose and undertakings of this body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches. The vote of the Association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLES V AND VI - POWERS AND PREROGATIVES

The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the Churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption but cannot bind them in any way; yet in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body it may justly acclaim for itself, for its objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes unorthodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice, or that fails to represent itself either by messenger or letter more than two (2) successive sessions without sufficient reason, or that treats or threats with contempt its objects and requirements. Any church desiring membership in the Avery Baptist Association shall place their petition with the Executive Committee, at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The petition shall furnish all information on the designated form which is furnished by the Executive Committee of the Association.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist upon their attendance at all sessions of the given Associational Meeting. It shall be the duty of the church to have their Associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing; The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the Association ten (10) days prior to time for the Association to meet.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

The meetings of the Avery Baptist Association shall be held annually, beginning on the first Thursday and Friday of the Month of August, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the Association.

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The officers of the Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer (one person), Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Missions Committee, Associational Missionary, Chairman of Evangelism, and the Executive Committee. These officers shall be members of affiliated Baptist Churches and duly elected by the various organizations, subject to approval of the Association.

Their active term of office shall begin at the beginning of the new church year on October 1st), following their election in August, and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body.

Moderator: It shall be the duty of the Moderator to act in executive capacity at all meetings; according to the principles of a presiding officer.

Vice-Moderator: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the Moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the Moderator to serve as presiding officer.

Clerk-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and together with a publishing committee which shall consist of the Moderator and two other appointed members of the Association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body. As treasurer, he or she shall keep record of all funds coming into his or her possession and an account of disbursement.

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer to assist the Clerk-Treasurer in keeping records, publishing records and to act in the absence of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Historian: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the Association.

The various heads of organizations namely, Sundy School Superintendent, Training Union Director, Music Director, Director of Woman's Missionary Union, Director of Brotherhood, Chairman of Missions Committee and Chairman of Evangelism shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of same.

The Associational Missionary shall assist in all the mission activities of the Association and assist in all possible ways with each ministry of the Association, and specifically when requested by the Association.

The Executive Committee shall consist of (1) the officers of the Association; (2) the pastor of each church; provided he is a member of the church he represents; (3) a laymember, nominated and elected by the church, from the churches who do not have a pastor as member to represent them.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the Association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding upon the Association (subject to their approval at annual session). This committee shall meet quarterly. This committee shall submit a full report of its work to the Association at each annual session, together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual Associational budget.

In event that any office, constituted by any article herein, becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by appointment of the Executive Committee.

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting; provided such alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the first day's session and acted upon at the second day's session.

Roberts Rules of Order, in as far as applicable, shall be followed in the governing of the Avery Baptist Association.

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

AARON: Mrs. Margo Braswell, John Hayes, Mrs. Kate Parker and Greg Holden.
BEECH MOUNTAIN: Mr. James Nunley, Mr. Dee Moore and Mr. Truman Church.
BELVIEW: Mrs. Rhetta Gouge, Mrs. Nina Ollis and Mrs. Beulah Caraway.
BIG MEADOWS: Mrs. Delzie Stamey, Ada Johnson and Levada Carpenter.
CHESTNUT DALE: Mrs. Conley Huffman, Mrs. Robert Sluder, and Mrs. Silas Johnson.
CRANBERRY: Mrs. Johnnie McCoury, Mrs. Edith Brown, Mrs. Clara Hicks and Mrs. Bernice Stanley.
CROSSNORE: Mrs. John Calhoun, Mr. Arvel Clark, Mrs. Lester Clark, Mrs. Doris Hutcheson, Walter Jarvis, Kenneth Johnson, Darrius Pritchard, Mrs. Louise Vance and Mr. and Mrs. John Webb.
ELK PARK: Mrs. Helen Guinn, Mrs. Ora Massee and Mrs. Sherry Freeman.
ELK VALLEY: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blair, Mr. Ernest McGuire, Mr. Luther Riddle, and Mr. Lonnie Aldridge.
FAIRVIEW: Mrs. Ollie Hughes and Mrs. Flossie Hughes.
FALL CREEK: Troy Crawford, Ernest Parlier, Rod Jones, Glenn Jones and Grady Norris.
GREEN VALLEY: Mrs. Homer Grindstaff, Miss Truda Grindstaff and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hall.
HENSON CREEK: Mrs. Gene Glenn, Miss Marlene McKinney, Mrs. Hazel McKinney, Mrs. Lee Burleson and Mrs. Inez Self.
JONAS RIDGE: Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Shell, Mrs. Ellen Bustle and Grady Singleton.
MINNEAPOLIS: Otis Greer, Toss Vance, Ed Greene, and Edward Grindstaff.
MOUNT PLEASANT: R. F. Horney, Virgil Blalock, Mrs. Virgil Blalock, Mrs. Herman Boles, Mrs. Nat Daniels and Mrs. Sammie Thompson.
NEWLAND: Mrs. Bob Banner, Mrs. Ruth Calloway and Rev. William Abel.
OAK GROVE: Mrs. Wade Buchanan.
PILGRIM: Alvin Hicks, N. E. Cook and Mack Cook.
PINEOLA: Dr. S. W. Vance, Mrs. Bruce Smith and Mrs. Martin Franklin.
PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Lincoln Buchanan, Rev. Lloyd Hoilman, Mrs. Ira Ward, Mr. Bob English, Mrs. Vance Buchanan, Mr. Earl Greene, Mrs. Lloyd Hoilman and Mr. Vern Ollis.
PLEASANT VALLEY: Mrs. Frankie Bare, Mrs. Mae Davis and Mrs. Theresa Hicks.
POWDERMILL: Mrs. Mary Buchanan, Mrs. Thelma Freeman, Mrs. Carolyn Buchanan, and Lawrence Erwin.
ROARING CREEK: Ava Hughes, Wanda Hughes and Trula Hughes.
STAMEY TOWN: Daymon Pritchard, Hazel Franklin and Vida Carpenter.
SUGAR MOUNTAIN: Gurney Duckworth, Sr. and Greg Holden.
VALLEY HAVEN: Rev. Ira Hodges, Mr. Will Blair and Mr. Stewart Berry.
WHALEY: Mr. A. V. McGuire, Venson Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Kermon Hagaman, and Bina Hagie.
WHITES MEMORIAL: Mrs. Dora Phillips, Lucille White and Bobby Willis.
YELLOW MOUNTAIN: Frank Wiseman and Rev. Robert Anderson.

PROCEEDINGS - 59th ANNUAL SESSION

The Avery County Baptist Association met on August 6, 1970 at the Crossnore Baptist Church for its annual meeting. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Puett. Mr. Kenneth Johnson led the audience in singing of hymns. Devotion was given by Rev. Puett reading Acts 19:11-22. Roll call of churches was by the clerk, Mrs. Shell. Twenty-nine churches answered to the roll call.

A motion was made and seconded that the printed program be adopted. Rev. Puett appointed the following committees for the day:

Resolution Committee . . . . . Mrs. S. W. Vance
Mrs. Virgil Blalock
Rev. Max Holland
Finance Committee . . . . . Mr. Bruce Daniels, Chm.
Mrs. Bettie Hooks, Vice Chm.
Mrs. Margaret Ollis, Sec.
Time, Place and Preacher . . . . . Rev. Lloyd Ramsey, Chmn.
Rev. Lawrence Hagaman
Mrs. Bruce Smith

Committees to report at next Session were as follows:

History . . . . . Dr. S. W. Vance
Sunday School . . . . . Alfred Jones
Training Union . . . . . Mrs. Bettie Hooks
Vacation Bible School . . . . . Mrs. Mary T. Estep
Christian Education . . . . . Rev. R. L. Painter
Temperance and Morals . . . . . Rev. Robert Lindley
Hospital . . . . . Rev. William Abel
Cooperative Program . . . . . Rev. Ted Braswell
Christian Literature . . . . . Mrs. Johnnie McCoury
Evangelism . . . . . Rev. Lloyd Ramsey
Childrens Homes . . . . . Rev. J. R. Puett
Home for the Aging . . . . . John Hayes
Music . . . . . Kenneth Johnson
Brotherhood . . . . . Rev. Robert Davis
WMU . . . . . Mrs. E. O. Bustle
Obituaries . . . . . Mrs. Bob Banner
Stewardship . . . . . Rev. Richard Porter
Missions Committee . . . . . Dr. S. W. Vance
Mrs. Johnnie McCoury
Rev. Robert Lindley

Mrs. Margaret Ollis spoke on the financing of the Association and gave each a plan that had been worked out by the Finance Committee. She asks that this plan be studied and discussed in the churches.

Mr. John Hayes made a motion that a letter be written by the clerk to the State Convention asking them to consider a space on the annual church letter for our local work to be entered. At the present the letter does not contain such a place. This letter was written by Mrs. Shell on August 12, 1970.

An offering was taken for the expense of the association in the amount of $58.00.

Election of officers for 1970-71 were elected as follows:

Rev. Max Holland . . . . . Moderator
Rev. Robert Lindley . . . . . Vice-Moderator
Mrs. Doris O. Shell . . . . . Clerk-Treasurer

The "Stewardship" report was given by Rev. Robert Lindley. A motion was made to adopt this report. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Kenneth Johnson suggested that each church in the association have a stewardship chairman.

The report on "Evangelism" was given by Rev. Lloyd Ramsey. This report was adopted.

C. Gordon Maddrey spoke concerning the N. C. Baptist Foundation.

The "Hospital" report was given by Rev. William Abel. Mr. Calvin Knight from the Baptist Hospital spoke to this report. This report was adopted.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. Dean Bare of the Aaron Baptist Church. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with singing of hymns led by Mr. Kenneth Johnson with Miss Owana Clark at the piano. Devotion for the afternoon was given by Rev. Wint Hale of the Pineola Baptist Church, reading Matthew 6, "The Lords Prayer".

Rev. J. R. Puett gave the report on the "Children's Home." Mr. Hugh Starnes from the N. C. Baptist Children's Home spoke to this report and gave a report on the progress of the new home which is being constructed near Waynesville.

The "Brotherhood" report was given by Rev. Homer Murdock. This report was adopted.

Mr. John Hayes gave the report on the "Homes for the Aging." Mr. Poole of the N. C. Homes for the Aging spoke to this report. It was then adopted.

The report on the "Cooperative Program" was given by Rev. Max Holland. This report was adopted.

Mrs. Mary T. Estep had the report on "Vacation Bible School." She stated that we had a total of 25 schools this year. This report was adopted.

The "Training Union Report" was by Mrs. Bettie Hooks. Mr. Maurice Cooper gave a wonderful talk to this report. This report was adopted.

The following report was given by Rev. Max Holland for the Resolution Committee. "Be it resolved that we of the Avery Baptist Association on this day, August 6, 1970 express our appreciation for the inspiring messages brought by the various speakers throughout the program and the very efficient manner in which our business has been transacted. Our special thanks to the Crossnore Church for their wonderful hospitality and delicious food that added so much to the enjoyment of our day together.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Max Holland
Mrs. S. W. Vance
Mrs. Virgil Blalock

Mr. Kenneth Johnson led the audience in singing "Hark The Voice of Jesus Calling" after which Rev. Homer Murdock dismissed this session with prayer.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1970

This session opened at the Minneapolis Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, and Rev. Lloyd Ramsey led in singing "Victory In Jesus". Devotion was given by Rev. Wendell Critcher using 2 Timothy 2 for his text.

Resolution Committee for the day was appointed as follows: Rev. Paul Pittman, Chairman, Mrs. Thelma Freeman and Mrs. Homer Murdock.

Rev. Puett appointed the following committee to study and make recommendation of having two sessions of the meeting in one day. (This would include a

night session.) Rev. Richard Porter, Chairman, Rev. Max Holland, Mrs. Edith Bowlick, Mrs. Bruce Smith, Mr. Randall Fletcher comprised a committee to report at the Executive meeting in September.

Rev. Homer Murdock spoke concerning "Choirs" and suggested that we have a Choir Singing Convention which would consist of the church choirs in the association. He suggested that a moderator and a date be set for this. This was to be brought up at the Executive Committee meeting and with the Music Director.

A motion was made by Rev. Murdock and seconded by Rev. Painter that a list of past moderators be published in the minutes. The motion carried. This will be in the 1971 minutes and will be included in the Historians report. Rev. Murdock stated that the Southern Baptist Convention is the greatest organization and also gave praise to Rev. Bustle for his fine work in our association.

An offering was taken for the expense of the association. This amounted to $29.54.

Report on "Christian Education" was given by Rev. R. L. Painter. Mr. Troy Harmon from Gardner-Webb College spoke to this report which was adopted.

Rev. Richard Porter gave the report on "Temperance and Morals." This report was adopted.

In the absence of Mr. Kenneth Johnson and Mr. Joe Perry the reports on Music and The Sunday School were adopted. Each of these representatives sent their report to the clerk.

Rev. E. O. Bustle gave the Missions report. This report was adopted.

Mr. Guy Cain spoke on Annunity.

Rev. Ted Braswell gave the annual sermon, after which the meeting was adjourned for lunch with prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Max Holland.

The Friday afternoon session opened with singing of "Praise Him" led by Rev. Lloyd Ramsey with Mrs. Bob Banner at the piano. The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Paul Pittman in the absence of Rev. James Beaver. Rev. Pittman read 1 Chronicles 29:8.

Obituaries were given by Mrs. Bob Banner.

Rev. Puett appointed Rev. Holland and Rev. Lindley to talk with the Flat Springs Baptist Church to see if they wish to continue in our association. This is the third year that this church has not been represented in the association, either by presence or a letter.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Mrs. Homer Murdock, and was as follows: "Be it resolved that we the people of the Avery Baptist Association on this 7th day of August, 1970 express our grateful appreciation for the inspiring messages brought by the various speakers throughout the program and the very efficient manner in which our business has been transacted. Our special thanks to the Minneapolis Baptist Church for the wonderful hospitality and delicious meal that added so much to the enjoyment of our day together.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Paul Pittman
Mrs. Thelma Freeman
Mrs. Homer Murdock

The report on Time, Place and Preacher was given by Rev. Lloyd Ramsey. Time: August 5 and 6, 1971 (First Thursday and Friday in August). Place: First Day at Newland Baptist with Rev. Richard Porter as Preacher and Rev. Wint Hale as Alternate. The second at Aaron Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Pittman as Preacher and Rev. Homer Murdock as Alternate.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned for the 1970 session of the Avery County Baptist Association.

REPORTS

Cooperative Program

The words of Jesus come with more vital force today than ever before, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

This commission was not only revelant in the days of Jesus, but was given to all churches of all times. Individually we cannot all go, we cannot all preach, we cannot all teach, we cannot all baptise. The Apostle Paul pointed out this truth when he said God has given different gifts and abilities to different people. He also pointed out that these different gifts and abilities given to different people must be united together to make one unique work for God. Although we cannot all have the same abilities, by putting our abilities together through the Cooperative Program, we can send those who can preach, teach and baptise around the world.

Our total Cooperative Program gifts in 1969 were $3,771.63 an increase of $650.63 over our 1968 gifts of $3,121.00. In the first six months of 1970, ten churches out of the thirty in our association have given a total of $2,105.49 through the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program is simply a plan where the membership of many churches jointly participate in the promotion of Christ's Cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Max Holland

Church Training Report

To make a difference - train - It's the Christ-like thing to do.

As Christians our task, our responsibility is to continue in preparing ourselves as a more effective servant for God. We oft time know God's word well, but are not able to express ourselves in such a way others might be helped. The example of our life in everyday walk, must be such that others notice it as a walk with God.

Are we the leaders in our respective places that God would have us be? A Training Director never there could hardly expect a very effective reach to those in need of help. A Sunday School Superintendent there now and then would hardly know what the needs were in the Sunday School. A teacher who never prepared beforehand couldn't have much effect. The WMU or Brotherhood that rarely met couldn't expect to really carry on an effective mission work, let alone touch the lives of others by showing real concern.

Things don't just happen. We are instruments of God, and should seek to make ourselves, under His guidance, the most effective instruments possible. Sometimes we don't see the need because we haven't grown to realize the need. It is easy to excuse ourselves of things sometimes by saying we can't. We don't understand. God's word teaches us that this is no excuse. We should consider it a privilege to be of service anywhere possible, and a greater privilege to do as effective job as possible. We are only as effective as our experience under His guidance.

This past year in Church Training has been one of many blessings, rewards and challenges. Church Training was represented in The 70's Onward Clinic in Asheville and shared in The 70's Onward Clinic in our own Association. The "M" night in Whites Memorial Church was a blessing. There were leadership team meetings. There have been several churches to become more involved in Church Training, and one more church to join us in an on-going

program through Training Union. There have been some on-going programs revived. There have been pastors to use the New Member Training to help new converts in more useful service to their church. There is a greater desire among many to train a more effective leadership within their church. There is much that could be said, but let's look to the future with the past as a guide experience for greater things to be done for God. Remembering what can make the difference and what the difference is.

The difference is more than something you do. It's a way of Life. More than a Sunday night meeting, it's a daily adventure. More than "take the fourth part", it's a God given assignment. More than a quarterly, it's a search for a Christian attitude. More than a group meeting, it's caring for each member. More than an optional experience, it's a directive straight from the Bible. More than an organization, it's the concern a church feels for its members. More than an endless process, It's the door to developed talents. More than loyalty, it's the driving force to perfection. More than a study of the Church covenant, it's the new nember's gateway to involvement.

Christ took twelve men and trained them for three years. We know what they did. What can you do for your church through training. Would you try? It is a God given command.

Respectfully submitted,
Bettie C. Hooks,
Church Training Director

Brotherhood Report

Associational brotherhood in the 70's remains basically the same as in past years although there are some important changes being made that should help "The Baptist Men" of the Avery County Association to carry out the mission of the Brotherhood.

We (The Brotherhood Department) have a new church-oriented "Life and Work Curriculum"correlated with the other four organizations within the Church, and is specifically geared to the basic functions of the Church -- Worship, Proclamation, Education and Ministry. Empahsis will be on winning the lost to Christ and teaching and training Christians to become better church members. Training will combine individual actions with appropriate group actions (both church-wide and organizational) to carry out the functions of a New Testament Church.

The Brotherhood portion of the Life and Work Curriculum provides a progressive study in Missions which motivates men and young men to become involved in mission actions. Programs of study and suggested actions are based on the Biblical concepts of the Life and Work Curriculum as they relate to Missions.

Associational Brotherhood for the 70's: (1) Purpose is same: To help churches establish, conduct, enlarge, and improve Brotherhood work. (2) Tasks are the same: a. To provide opportunity for fellowship and inspiration. b. Interpret the brotherhood program. c. Train church Brotherhood leaders. d. Consult with church Brotherhoods and provide organization and leadership for cooperative work among churches. (3) Officers and duties have been refined. Refined to correspond with refinements in duties in church Brotherhood units of Baptist men and Royal Ambassadors. (4) Organizational patterns are more flexible: Beginning in October, 1970, the suggested patterns are flexible and functional, designed to help the Brotherhood do the best job possible. (5) New materials are available to help do the job: Write, Brotherhood Commission, SBC, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn. 38104 or see Associational Brotherhood President.

"Let brotherly love continue." Hebrews 13:1.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. H. W. Murdock
Brotherhood President

Report Of The N.C. Baptist Children's Homes

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated provides a variety of quality services for the care and development of dependent children and for strengthening family life. Having moved progressively to meet the challenge of a changing social-economic order it has become a family service agency. This is accomplished by members of a well trained staff who provide leadership for group care programs, foster home care, family services, consultation with churches in pre-school programs and planning for higher education for children who have been in care. This program unfolds on the various campuses and through the work of regional casework centers throughout the state.

More requests for services are now coming to the Homes than at any time in previous history. Agency beds are filled and all available money is being utilized. This agency, too, has been caught in the rising costs of living and in an inflationary economy. A wider variety of quality services are being demanded to meet the needs of children who are the products of today's complex society. Present economic conditions make it necessary to have additional operating income with which to maintain the current program before an appreciable expansion of services can be undertaken.

Two cottages have been under construction on the Mills Home Campus during the past year and were scheduled to be completed in early 1970. The Stokes Cottage is being provided by Colin Stokes of Winston-Salem in memory of his father, and in honor of his mother. The Craver Cottage is being built as a memorial to the late Spurgeon J. Craver of Winston-Salem, who left the residue of his estate to the Children's Homes.

Two buildings are to be erected at Kennedy Home during the year. An infirmary is being made possible by the late W. H. Jones of Kinston and his wife. A recreation center is being provided through the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Robinson of Clinton, N. C.

Friends of the Children's Homes, in Western North Carolina, have responded generously to the Founders and Builders Program to raise funds with which to establish the Broyhill Home to serve children in the western part of the state. This is the first public capital funds campaign ever promoted by the Homes during eighty-four years of service. Response has been encouraging, sufficiently to assure completion of the project within three to five years. When the campus has been completed provision will have been made for four cottages for children, multi-purpose administration and activities building and a home for the superintendent. Work is now in progress on this Home.

With the support and cooperation of Baptists and other friends in Asheville and Buncombe County another ministry is soon to be provided by the Children's Homes. A residence has been purchased in Asheville in which to make provision for the care of unwed mothers. It is hoped that this program can be started during 1970 when the Home has been renovated, furnished and readied for occupancy.

The contribution of our Baptist people through the Cooperative Program, the Thanksgiving Offering and special gifts are essential to the continued operation and are received with deep appreciation. An increasing number of friends are finding rewarding stewardship opportunities through the establishment of trusts for the Homes and by means of wills and estate planning for the needs of dependent children. It is our hope that each Baptist Church of this association will find some way to express their concern for dependent children by supporting the work of our Baptist Homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe R. Puett

1970 Report Of The Biblical Recorder

More than ever before, North Carolina Baptists need a dependable source of information. It is difficult these days to get an honest and accurate report on important issues.

In some cases, half truths and rumors are circulated, some of them designed to embarrass and ridicule Baptists. Since it takes so long for truth to catch up with error, some of these impressions in people's minds are never corrected. This makes progress and unity more difficult.

For 137 years, North Carolina Baptists have had the "Biblical Recorder" as a dependable source of information. Week by week it goes into the homes of nearly 90,000 families, striving to speak the truth in love.

In the past year, the "Recorder" was pleased to have had a part in the election of Dr. Carl Bates of Charlotte as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. A "Recorder" editorial endorsing him was considered a factor in his election on the first ballot at Denver. It is an honor to have the convention president from our state. This is just one example of the influence the "Recorder" has had in the past year.

Looking to the future, the "Recorder" promises to continue its fight against liquor by the drink, even in the face of strong opposition from those who are pushing for a greater flow of liquor in our state. If your church is not sending the "Recorder" to every home, try doing this for the coming year so your members can receive the full story on the 1971 General Assembly.

Your church would not think of trying to carry out its mission without literature devoted to the Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood and all other church organizations. The "Recorder" is just as important and should be in the budget just as this literature is. The cost is only 4¢ a week, a penny less than a post card. Your church is the loser by not taking this step. Won't you do it this coming year?

Respectfully submitted,
J. Marse Grant, Editor
Biblical Recorder

Evangelism Report

The Great Commission of our devine Lord presents both the distinct preparation necessary for evangelization, and a divinely given program of evangelization. So let us consider these two factors of evangelization in evangelizing the world.

The prepration of our Lord himself. Five great experiences, or triumphs were passed through in order to prepare Him to direct the work of evangelism. 1. His triumph over Satan in the wilderness. (Matt. 4:1-11). 2. His triumph over the world. (John 16:33). 3. His triumph over the flesh in Gethsemane. (Mark 14:41). 4. His triumph over sin on the cross. (Heb. 10:10-14). 5. His triumph over death in the resurrection. (I Cor. 15:20-26).

It was therefore a prepared Chirst, a triumphant Christ, who came to give the command and to outline the program to evangelize the world.

The preparation of the disciples. The Disciples too must be prepared. And this preparation must include three great experiences. 1. Is their own conversion. (John 1:35-51). 2. Is their call to a special life service. (Matt. 4:17-22). 3. Is their three-year period of special training under the Lord himself. (Matt. 9:35 to 10:40).

And the program for world evangelism. This program presents a definite, fixed and unchangeable order of procedure, and it also specifies the six main features of the work of evangelism. That all authority belongs to Jesus, the

triumphant Lord. That all the world is the field, there is no hint that any of the world is to be overlooked or omitted or is to be favored in anyway. The task is to "discipline all the nation - every creature." The second task is to "baptise" all the true diciples. Not to make them disciples by baptism, but to baptise them because they have already been disciples. The third task is to "teach them to observe or practice all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Finally, the risen, triumphant Christ must be expected to be with His people "all the days" even unto the end of the world.

Respectively submitted,
Rev. Lloyd Ramsey

Stewardship

Money talks. It tells some things about us. We feel satisfaction when it tells something we are proud of concerning our use of it. Then there are times when we may wish it would not talk.

Money is not the most important part of stewardship, neither is it the only thing we are responsible to return unto God, that He may reap an increase on His investment in us.

The most important part of stewardship is the steward. He is the one God was concerned about when he created everything that man would ever need in his life on earth before man himself was made of the dust of the earth, then became a living soul when God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.

Then man, because of sin, came to have need for something more than the material provisions made for his benefit at creation. This was supplied when He gave His only begotten Son that we, by believing on Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

I know that in these gifts God shows us that it is the Steward that is important to Him. I know too that He is showing the Steward that God should be more important in the life of the Steward than the things which he is responsible to be a steward of, time, talents, and money or goods. How the steward uses these is what makes them important.

The proper use of these is to dedicate them to God. By doing this we can benefit from them for eternity as we lay up treasures in Heaven.

The popular use of them is to dedicate them to self. By doing this we, at best, can benefit from them just for a short time, then they will be taken from us or we will be taken from them.

Let us look at the record of our Association which is made up of some thirty-one churches which are made up of varying numbers of individual Stewards, which according to the 1969 records, with twenty-eight churches reporting, total 4,169 of which only 2,462 are resident members. This tells us there is a lack on the part of the most important factor of stewardship, Stewards.

These 2,462 Stewards contributed some $150,580 through church treasuries. I don't know if this is telling us, "Well done thy good and faithful servant," or not. Since it comes to less than $62.00 per person it seems that there is probably a lack of stewardship on the part of the Steward concerning his money, which is a gift from God.

Of the 2,462,504 are enrolled in the Training Program of the churches, 184 are enrolled in the W.M.U., and 79 are enrolled in the Brotherhood. These statistics lead me to believe there is lack on the part of the Steward concerning his time, which is a gift from God.

There were 209 enrolled in the music ministry of the churches. This probably tells us that not enough are practicing good stewardship in the use and development of this talent, which is a gift from God.

There were 165 baptisms, meaning I pray that 165 were born into the Kingdom of God. The salvation of one soul would be worth all the effort these records show was exerted by these 2,462, but only God knows how many more could have

been won in Avery Association, and abroad, had we been the Stewards He would have us to be.

As the individual is responsible to God for his stewardship, so is the Church, Association and Conventions. Good stewardship has its beginning in the heart and life of the individual then reaches out, not the reverse.

Let us hope, pray, work and give as never before for the advancement of God's work and the growth of His kingdom in our local church, community, association, state, nation and abroad. Let's give ourselves.

That to which we give most is that which or who we love most. In order to please God, we must love Him most. Let's present our bodies, which includes time, talent and money, a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service unto a Father in Heaven who loves us so.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Lindley

Baptist Hospital Report

Our Baptist Hospital continues to grow, in spite of its serious problems. Physical growth is the result of the long-range development program which has already seen the completion of the new power plant, the School of Nursing and Allied Health Building, and the additions to the Medical School. Construction of the new patient tower is progressing, after some delays, and is expected to be completed by mid-1972.

There is continued growth in the quality of patient care provided. There is improved equipment in the heart diagnostic center in the fight against heart disease; the department of nuclear medicine continues to make progress in the diagnosis and treatment of some of our most dreaded diseases; the stroke center renders valuable service in the study an treatment of strokes and brain tumors. New equipment for the Intensive Care unit includes an instrument which is attached to the patient and measures his heart action and blood pressure; if either varies from a safe range the machine signals the attendant immediately.

Changes in admission procedures have been made necessary by the financial crisis the hospital faces. When a doctor reserves a bed for a patient the admissions office contacts the patient to obtain the needed information, including the type and amount of his hospital insurance coverage. After estimating the hospital bill and determining the amount of insurance coverage, the patient is notified of the difference which he is expected to bring when he enters the hospital. An effort is made to counsel with all patients who need financial aid and assist them in getting help.

With all the growth, one thing remains unchanged: the desire and determination to care for the needy sick. This has been at the heart of the hospital's ministry since it opened in 1923. Last year it ministered to 5,225 Service Patients for 47,499 days of hospital care, in addition to the large number served in the Outpatient Clinics. The free care amounted to more than a million dollars beyond what these patients, their insurance, and all sponsoring agencies paid. North Carolina Baptists provided $565,000 of this amount - $237,000 through the Cooperative Program and $328,000 through the Mother's Day offering. To date this year 21 churches in our association contributed $1,497.68 of the Mother's Day Fund, thus helping the hospital keep faith with its purpose.

Though our Mother's Day offerings have grown they have not kept pace with the rising costs and our hospital is running a heavy deficit. If full use is to be made of the new medical procedures and facilities in fulfilling our mission, we are going to have to give our Baptist Hospital additional support.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. William Abel

Music Report

"The true God, the mighty God is the God of ideas." Alfred Nigny.

Music is a way of presenting the Gospel in words people will hear; when a deaf ear is turned to words of testimony spoken. Through the music in our churches of Avery Association witnesses are given each Sunday by many who would dare speak a word of testimony. I still declare again it's one of the greatest opportunities our people can have. Who would listen to a person speak of his faith in God if he himself were too gloomy and long faced to sing unto our God and unto people as a testimony.

Those who make counterfeit money try to make it look as much like the real thing as is possible. This is the way Satan operates -- Billy Graham. In our day many have songs of peace, love and joy. And many have just enough religion to make them immune to real Christianity. The devil has given the followers of false ideas music that attracts a great number of our youth, especially speaking of peace, of equality; yet they know not Jesus Christ who gives both of those and all blessings. In all this "noise" I see where our churches not only have failed in "letting all the people praise Thee" as we're told in Psalms, but I also see the youth today have been failed by our churches to reach them with any saving knowledge of Christ.

This is personal suggestions to the pastors and leaders of our churches. Have special youth choirs so your youth can sing. Have some special nights for singing only for these young people. See all children from your church take music in school that have the opportunity. Don't use only a half dozen songs from your hymnals in a year. Use new ones if time is required to learn them. After all, the message is the great part of a song. Provide all your classes for all ages up to adults with record players. Many great hymns and songs for children are available in our day. Even the complete Bible itself is recorded and at a low price from the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10023. Ask for this Bible and recording catalog.

I have been helping some at the Jonas Ridge Church on some Wednesday nights recently in their adult choir. I have been asked by their pastor to secure a state worker for them to come to their church and help.

Stamey Town requests that I help them learn some of the hymns in their Baptist Hymnals. This I plan to do.

No countywide meetings were held this year but since interest has risen in that way this year, there will be if all goes as planned. There will be music programs and workers for the entire Association. Have you prayed for the music in your church, your Association? Do so.

Be not first by whom the new are tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside, as some to church repair, not for the doctrine, but for the music there.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Johnson

Associational Missionary's Report

Days on field	172
Services conducted on field	192
Days in Vacation Bible School	29
Taught Book of James	20
Visits on field	87
Sermons preached	43
Visual Aids	34
Baptismal services	3
Weddings	5
Associational Meetings	22
Convention Meetings	2

State Meetings 7
Individual Conferences 200
Committee Meetings 35
Group Conferences 51
Miles Traveled 10,200

This past year has been a great joy to me. Better cooperation, better understanding among the churches. I am looking forward to greater things this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. O. Bustle

Home Mission Report

New churches and missions established in spite of inadequate funds. There were 370 new missions and 97 new churches established in 1969.

Supplement for pastors -- 428 received pastorial aid.

Church loans -- 227 churches received loans amounting to $8,367,203.00.

New missionaries -- The Home Mission Board appointed 585 new missionaries in 1969, bringing the total up to 2,235.

Results -- 368,225 baptisms in 1969.

Foreign Missions Report

There are 5,303 churches, 7,375 missions, 3,821 self-supporting. There were 54,994 baptisms and are 631,259 church members. Mainland China has 392 churches with 123,000 members related to Southern Baptist. We appointed 261 reinforcements for the mission fields with 2,490 missionaries on the foreign fields. Total contributions were $7,341,589.13.

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. Bustle

Temperance and Morals

ALCOHOL: Statistics reveal that two out of three adults in the United States drink alcoholic beverages to some extent. The Nation's expenditure for drinking exceeded $13 billion. The most reliable estimates now place the number of alcoholics (uncontrolled, compulsive drinkers) at more than 6,500,000 with 250,000 added each year.

Drinking is a physical issue. People drink because of the physical effects. "It relaxes me." "It makes me feel better." Alcohol is distributed in almost equal concentration to all parts of the body. In the central nervous system, the brain areas, concerned with inhibition, memory and sensation are most strongly influenced by alcohol. The depression of those centers about which the behavior pattern of civilized man has been established, liberates a freer play of fundamental instincts such as anger, fear, ambition, and sexual urge. Repeated drinking can result in serious injury to the body's complexly regulated tissues and organs.

People say that drinking is a social issue. Judges and law enforcement officials throughout the country have consistently named alcohol as a causative factor in juvenile deliquency, sexual promiscuity, and general lawlessness. The influence of drinking upon family life is one of the most serious problems facing the nation. Seventy-five per cent of all divorce cases I have heard resulted from alcohol.

Drinking is an economic issue. It is estimated that two million alcoholics on the pay rolls of business and industry cost their management more than

$2 billion annually through absenteeism, faulty workmanship, and labor turn over. Estimates show that California has 885,000 people so dependent on liquor that their earning capacity is impaired. From 1957 through mid 1965 that state spent almost $7 million in rehabilitation of alcoholics. Add to this the fantastic cost in lost or ruined lives because of traffic accidents and you begin to understand how cynical are the economic distortions of the alcohol interests.

Sex: Today sex is taking, or already has taken, the upper hand of our young people. Just about every way they turn any more it is something about sex. The T.V. is full of nothing but sex any more. We as parents have failed by letting our children turn on the T.V. and watch what they please. It is a heart breaking thing to see what it is doing to our young women. Today, for the most of them, it is to get married or else have a child out of wedlock. God made man and woman, he made sex possible but he intended for it to be used in the right way. We need to teach our young people the seriousness of sex.

Drugs: This is another thing that is wrecking the morals of our young people. Now listen, when one gets on this, he or she is not off of it tomorrow. This damages their brain and some will never be the same any more. Have you ever really thought about what it is really doing? It has caused young people to loose their minds. It has caused them to commit suicide. It has caused them to be kicked out of school and college. We as Christians need to be more concerned about this drug problem. Did you ever stop to think the one could be my child or yours? Let us work hard against drugs and pray to God that something will be done; that we may save our young people's morals.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Richard Porter

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School for 1970 in the Avery Association has been a great year and a blessing to all those who attended. A combination of new materials, Vacation Bible School clinics, interested and trained workers, boys and girls (some regular at Sunday Schools and others with no church home), men and women, a youthful hunger for spiritual understanding and a need to "learn how God works" has made this the best year of Vacation Bible School yet.

A delegation from the Avery Baptist Association participated in the Vacaton Bible School clinic at Wingate College in January of this year. Here we were introduced to the new VBS materials for 1970, the theme being "Learning How God Works." In April our Association sponsored a VBS clinic at the Aaron Baptist Church which was well attended by representatives from 16 churches from our Association and some from the Stoney Fork Association. This was a very informative clinic and helpful to all those attending.

There seemed to be a growing concern and more interest among our church folk for Vacation Bible School. In many of our churches, adult classes were held and did a study of the book of James.

Most of the reports I've seen show the VBS enrollment up as compared to years past. Most of our Sunday School regulars were enrolled and many unsaved with no church home also enrolled. In the Vacation Bible School's I attended, there seemed to be a definate need and reaching out for spiritual understanding and Bible truths. Must we stop here -- or let this be the beginning of our mission field? We need to follow up all prospects and their families until we win them to Christ as well as encourage those making decisions for Christ and rededications of life.

Miss Dottie Freeman worked with some of our churches again this year while other churches, using Miss Freeman and others in years past, launched out on their own with Christ and report very good VBS.

There have been some comments on the cost of the new materials and the increased cost of VBS. I realize and will be writing the Sunday School Board

concerning some of the materials we're unable to use in the smaller churches where there are no projector or record players, etc., and it seems to me these are the churches that need the most extra helps. But who can compare the cost of a VBS to the value of one lost soul who comes to Christ as a result of VBS?

We have had a good year. We have met our goal. Our goal was to have 25 schools and we had 25. We can not stop here. Let us begin even now to prepare for next year, as we put into practice our VBS theme of this year, "Learning How God Works." Remember He works through Christians! And what is a Christian? A Christian is . . . A mind through which Christ thinks. A heart through which Christ loves. A voice through which Christ speaks. A hand through which Christ helps.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary T. Estep

Avery Baptist Sunday School Convention

The Avery County Baptist Sunday School Convention met Saturday, July 18, at ten o'clock at the Chestnut Dale Baptist Church with the Call to Worship by the Superintendent, Joe B. Perry. The theme was "To Reach the Un - reached." Conley Huffman, Superintendent of Chestnut Dale Sunday School, welcomed the Convention and led the morning devotions using I John 3:1-3 as his text. He also led in singing the hymn, "I Love To Tell The Story."

At the roll call of Sunday Schools, fourteen responded. They were Aaron, Belview, Cranberry, Chestnut Dale, Henson Creek, Jonas Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Newland, Oak Grove, Pineola, Pleasant Hill, Powdermill, Stamey Town and Valley Haven.

Rev. Dean Bare, Pastor of Aaron Baptist Church, brought the annual sermon, using part of Matthew 25.

A sumptuous dinner prepared by the Chestnut Dale women of the church was served on the ground.

After lunch the meeting reconvened for the afternoon session. A hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," led by Conley Huffman was sung, accompanied by Mrs. Bob Banner at the piano. Rev. Alfred Jones led the afternoon devotions using Ephesians 6:10-17.

The election of officers followed: Rev. Alfred Jones of Pleasant Hill, Superintendent; Joe B. Perry of Valley Haven, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Ruth H. Calloway of Newland, Secretary.

Seven preachers were present. They were recognized and took part in the discussion on Sunday School work, Southern Baptist literature, and Vacation Bible Schools. They were Rev. Wint Hale, Homer Murdock, Paul Pittman, Dean Bare, Alfred Jones, E. O. Bustle and Max Holland.

The time, place, and preacher committee report was given by Rev. E. O. Bustle, Homer Murdock and Nathan Henley. The July 17, 1971 Convention will be at the Powdermill Baptist Church with Rev. Alfred Jones bringing the annual sermon. The Resolutions Committee, composed of Mrs. Edith Brown, Mrs. Bettie Hooks, and Mrs. Bob Banner submitted the following resolution: "We hereby resolve and extend our gracious thanks for the hospitality shown here today. We thank God for this Church, Chestnut Dale, for its open doors to sister churches, for the Christian fellowship and for the fine spread of food. The dinner was delicious and the hospitality the finest. Thank you again for this Saturday, July 18, 1970.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Officers are as follows: Adult Director, Rev. Robert Davis; Youth Director, Rev. Dean Bare; Children's Division, Mrs. Robert Davis; Pre-School Division, Mrs. Wint Hale; Vacation Bible School, Mrs. Mary Estep.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe B. Perry
Sunday School Superintendent

Christian Education Report

Our North Carolina Baptist State Convention has seven institutions of higher education. They are contributing much to our churches. Not only do they train our students for special work, but many of the students give strength to our churches by becoming supporters of the local work. They teach and aid in various parts of our work. They give. Their Christian lives are an inspiration to those about them.

The students who attend our colleges and university find the faculty members are there to help them. Our graduates are grateful for the privilege they have had in attending our Christian institutes.

I have seen the appreciation and support of our Children's Homes grow when the members of our churches visited them and learned of their work. I believe the same would be true of our colleges. When you have an opportunity to visit and see the educational work being carried on, do so. It will be a rewarding experience.

We may not have much money to give but God will bless what we do. Let us encourage our young people to attend our colleges.

Respectfully submitted,
Roby L. Painter

Baptist Homes For The Aging

God has blessed our Homes for the Aging through all of our nineteen years, and during the past year in a very special way. We acknowledge His goodness and thank Him for every manifestation of His love. We also want to express sincere gratitude to our Baptist people for their increased love and concern for the 195 dear elderly people to whom we are ministering in our five Baptist Homes - Resthaven, the Hayes Home, and Nursing Care Unit, in Winston-Salem; the Albemarle Home in Albemarle; the Hamilton Home in Hamilton; and the Yanceyville Home in Yanceyville.

An urgent appeal was made to our Baptist people before our offering in February to help us reduce the alarming deficit in the operation of the Homes. This plea was heard, and the offering, of $168,349.34 from July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1970 from our Baptist Churches, has exceeded all other offerings in previous years. How grateful we are for this increase. We want to urge our people, however, to continue giving liberally to our Homes and to remember that we are still confronted with the staggering cost of living and the great need to strengthen the total economy of the Homes as we try to move forward in developing and expanding this vital ministry to the aging. For example, even though our offering reflects an increase over the previous year, this increase will only take care of approximately half of the additional amount necessary in operating the Homes for the coming year, due to inflationary pressures.

Of great interest in our Development Program is a proposed new addition to our present Nursing Care Unit. Judge and Mrs. William M. York, of Greensboro, North Carolina, have offered a gift of $80,000.00 to the Homes for this purpose, contingent upon the Homes raising an additional $80,000.00 by September 1, 1970. If this proposal is fulfilled, 10 to 12 additional rooms would be made available, with accommodations for 20 to 24 people, and bringing our total nursing care capacity to 80 beds. We appeal to Baptist people to pray for the success of this very special project in the care of our elderly sick.

There is no greater security for an older person than that of the Christian nurture and love offered in our Baptist Homes, and we thank the Lord, and our

Baptist people, for this ministry. We shall continue to look to Him, and to our people, on behalf of these to whom Christian love means so much, in the faith that our needs will be supplied.

Bill Poole, Superintendent
John E. Hayes,
Association Representative

W.M.U. Report

Our perpetual WMU watchword is "Laborers together with God", I Cor. 3:19. As laborers together with God, the women and young people of our association have tried to be faithful in witnessing for Christ. We have kept up our payment of ten dollars per month for the support of our second adopted Japanese orphan. The first little girl was adopted into the home of a lovely family two years ago.

Representatives have been to Ridgecrest. The Weeks of Prayer were observed and substantial increases were noted in our giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, the State Missions Special Offering, the Heck-Jones Offering and Operation Payoff, for which we are thankful.

Our annual associational meeting was held with the Jonas Ridge Baptist Church on Friday night, April 10, 1970. Our guest speaker was Miss Linda Warren, State YWA Director, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. Delegations were present from Cranberry, Crossnore, Elk Park, Jonas Ridge, Newland, Pineola, Pleasant Hill and Stamey Town. Illness prevented delegations from Aaron and Belview.

Officers elected at the annual meeting and installed in executive session were: WMU Director, Mrs. E. O. Bustle, Jonas Ridge; Assistant, Mrs. Charles L. Franklin, Aaron; Secretary, Mrs. Johnnie McCoury, Cranberry; Treasurer, Mrs. Edna Cuthbertson, Crossnore; Baptist Women Director, Mrs. Shelby W. Vance, Pineola; Assistant, Mrs. Wint Hale, Jr., Pineola; Baptist Young Women's Director, Mrs. Helen Guinn, Elk Park; Assistant, Mrs. Robert Lindley, Elk Park; Acteens Director, Mrs. J. L. Carpenter, Stamey Town; Assistant, Mrs. John Calhoun, Crossnore; Girls in Action Director, Mrs. Sam Franklin, Jonas Ridge; Assistant, Mrs. Richard Porter, Jonas Ridge; Mission Friends Director, Mrs. Bob Banner, Newland; Assistant, Mrs. J. T. Tanner, Newland; Mission Action Director, Mrs. Nelle McCourry, Cranberry; Assistant, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Cranberry; Mission Study Director, Mrs. Jack R. Ollis, Crossnore; Assistant, Mrs. Joe R. Puett, Crossnore.

We will meet with First Baptist Church in Newland the first Friday night in April, 1971.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. O. Bustle
Associational Director

Obituaries

In Memoriam: We, the Baptist Churches of Avery County Baptist Association, mourn the loss of these friends who have departed from this life into the great beyond. Our loss is heaven's gain, and their memories will never die. Our "homegoers" this year are 25 in number reported by 16 churches. "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth." Eccl. 7:1.

BE STILL, MY SOUL
Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored,
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
Katharine Amalia Dorothea Von Schlegel.

AARON - Mrs. Hazel Ledford
BEECH MOUNTAIN - Lance Cook and Coy Parlier
BELVIEW - Harston Ollis
CHESTNUT DALE - Geter Isaacs, Deacon and Waites Isaacs
CROSSNORE - Ray Aldridge
ELK VALLEY - Charlie Erwin, Deacon, Mrs. Mary Bailiff and Charlie Blair
HENSON CREEK - Mrs. Arizona Hughes
JONAS RIDGE - Mrs. Eva Brown, Mrs. Lizzie Barrier and Mr. Frank Barrier
NEWLAND - H. Dolph Calloway
OAK GROVE - Michael Ballard
PILGRIM - Bob Blankenship
PLEASANT HILL - Mrs. Dave English
PLEASANT VALLEY - Lawson Isaacs and Mack Hicks
ROARING CREEK - Ronnie Greene, Mrs. Myra Hughes and Zeb Burleson
WHITES MEMORIAL - Mrs. Ida Childers
YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Claude Stafford, Deacon and Mitchell Calloway

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Bob Banner

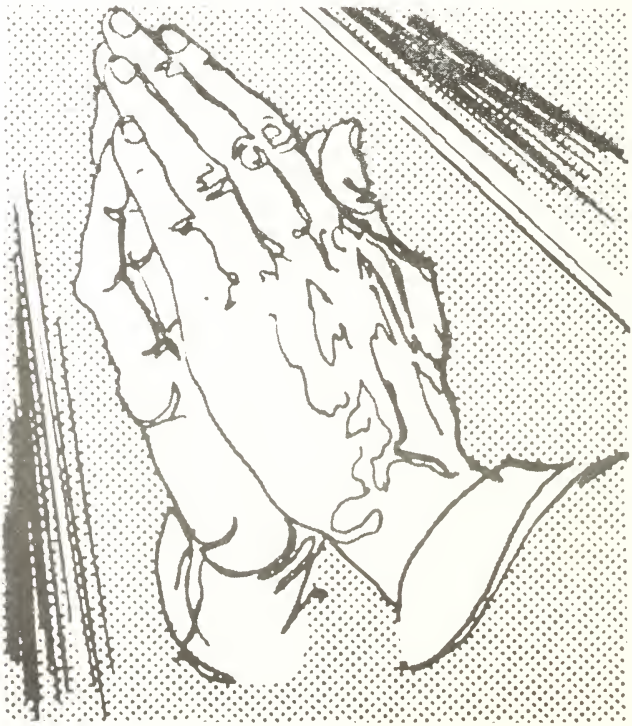

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1970

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational Clerk: Doris O. Shell

Address: Cranberry City: North Carolina State: Zip: 28614

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	1 Year organized as a church	2 Loc (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0)	3 Services held twice on Sunday? Y	3 Services held twice on Sunday? N	3 If no, services held on 1st Sunday M	3 If no, services held on 1st Sunday E	3 If no, services held on 2nd Sunday M	3 If no, services held on 2nd Sunday E	3 If no, services held on 3rd Sunday M	3 If no, services held on 3rd Sunday E	3 If no, services held on 4th Sunday M	3 If no, services held on 4th Sunday E	3 If no, services held on 5th Sunday M	3 If no, services held on 5th Sunday E	4 No. of revivals held	5 No. of High School graduates	6 No. of High School graduates planning to attend college	7 Total Baptisms	8 Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	9 Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	10 Present resident members	11 Present nonresident members	12 Grand total present members	13 No. members received from non-Baptist denominations	14 No. members lost to non-Baptist denominations	19 Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	20 Value of Church property incl. pastor's home	21 Total church debt at end of this associational year
Aaron	Rev. Dean Bare, Montezuma, N.C.	1858	2	x												1			6	4	6	120	27	147	1	0	0	50,000	3,400
Beech Mountain	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove, N.C.	1869	1		x							x				1	0	0	2	0	2	72	67	139	0	0		10,000	
Belview	Rev. Lloyd Ramsey, Banner Elk, N.C.	1922	2		x	x			x	x		x				1	1	0	0	0	2	68	72	140	0	0		10,000	
Big Meadows	Rev. James Beaver, Burnsville, N.C.	1845	1													2			6		8	75	90	165				14,000	
Chestnut Dale		1903	1		x							x				2	0	0	0	2	2	25		25	0	0		8,000	
Cranberry		1908	2													2	2		16	1	4	141	50	191				10,000	
Crossnore	Rev. J.R. Puett, Crossnore, N.C.	1907	2	x												1	14	7	47	6	11			548	1	1	10,000	60,000	
Elk Park	Rev. Robert Lindley, Elk Park, N.C.	1917	1	x												1			5	2				45				16,000	
Elk Valley	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove, N.C.	1882	1		x											1			1		3	114	83	197				35,000	1,188
Fairview	Rev. Kelse Hollifield, Marion, N.C.	1940	1		x											2	3		1		2	67	53	120					
Fall Creek	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove, N.C.	1885	1		x				x							1	3	3	0	1	4	80	84	164	0	0		15,000	
Green Valley	Rev. W.M. Grindstaff, Spruce Pine, N.C.	1886	1		x	x				x						1			0	3	1	67	39	106				10,000	
Henson Creek	Rev. Paul Pittman, Spruce Pine, N.C.	1900	1		x		x	x		x		x				2	4	2	3	4	2	107	30	137	0	0		10,000	
Jonas Ridge	Rev. Richard Porter, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	1887	1	x												1	2	2	3		2	95	75	170				25,000	
Minneapolis	Rev. Wendell Critcher, Minneapolis, N.C.	1887	2		x	x	x	x		x	x			x		2	3	0	3	7	2	127	66	193	2	0		35,000	
Mount Pleasant	Rev. L.L. Estep, Mantezuma, N.C.	1869	1													1	0	0	6	4	6	88	50	138	0	0		17,500	
Newland First	Rev. William Abel, Newland, N.C.	1921	3														5	3	6	4	6	252	80	332		1	25,000	125,700	12,000
Oak Grove	Rev. Max Halland, Newland, N.C.	1919	1														1	1	9	1	3	91	33	124				5,000	
Pilgrim	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove, N.C.	1963	3													1					4	40	23	63		3		20,000	
Pineola	Rev. Wint Hale, Pineola, N.C.	1913	2	x												1	0	0	4	0	0	65	10	75	0	0	4,000	20,000	2,000
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Hamer Murdock, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	1905	1													2	6	2	8	1	8	229	135	364			15,000	55,000	4,117
Pleasant Valley	Rev. Roby L. Painter, Banner Elk, N.C.	1893	1																1	1	8	30	79	109		4		4,500	
Powder Mill	Rev. Paul Pittman, Spruce Pine, N.C.	1914	1		x	x		x		x		x				2	0	0	4	8	2	80	37	117	2	0		15,000	
Roaring Creek	Rev. Garfield Hughes, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	1871	1		x			x				x				1	1	1	6	1	4	60	56	112	0	0		2,000	
[illegible]	Rev. Max Halland, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	1947	1		x	x			x	x						2	0	0	0	2	0	52	31	85	0	0	9,000	25,000	1,769

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State North Carolina

Associational Clerk Doris O. Shell

Address Cranberry City North Carolina State 28614 Zip

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	Year organized as a church	Loc (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0)	Services held twice on Sunday? Y	Services held twice on Sunday? N	If no services held on: 1st Sunday M	1st Sunday E	2nd Sunday M	2nd Sunday E	3rd Sunday M	3rd Sunday E	4th Sunday M	4th Sunday E	5th Sunday M	5th Sunday E	No. of revivals held	No. of High School graduates	No. of High School graduates planning to attend college	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist denominations	No. members lost to non-Baptist denominations	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of Church property incl. pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
Sugar Mountain		1950														0	1	1	0	0	4	26	21	47	0	0		35,000	4,400.00
Valley Haven																1			1	2		43	20	63				30,000	800.00
Whaley	Rev. Lawrence Hagaman, Sugar Grove, N.C.	1968			x					x						2	3	3	9	2	9	40	59	99	0	2		15,000	250.00
Whites Memorial	Rev. Ted Braswell, Spruce Pine, N.C.	1949	x													2	2	2	18	6	11	93	14	107	0	0		$25,000	
Yellow Mountain	Rev. Robert Anderson, Plumtree, N.C.	1869	x																										

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 1970

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational Sunday School Superintendent: Rev. Alfred Jones

Address: Minneapolis City: Minneapolis State: North Carolina Zip: 28652

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	89 Nursery enrolment (3 years and under)	90 Beginners (4 - 5) enrolment	91 Primaries (6 - 8) enrolment	92 Juniors (9 - 12) enrolment	93 Intermediates (13 - 16) enrolment	94 Young People single (17 - 24) enrolment	95 Young People married (17 - 24) enrolment	96 Adults (25 - 34) enrolment	97 Adults (35 - 64) enrolment	98 Adults (65 up) enrolment	99 Extension dept. enrolment	100 Cradle roll enrolment (Home ministry)	101 Young people away (17 - 24) enrolment	102 Fellowship Bible classes enrolment	103 General officers	104 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	105 Total enrolment	106 Average weekly Sunday School attendance	107 No. new Sunday School classes organized past year	108 Church V. B. S enrolment	109 Mission V. B. S enrolment	110 Total V. B. S. enrolment
Aaron	Dennis Sudderth, Montezuma, N.C.	4	4	0	6	15	14	8	22	19	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	110	60	0	45	0	45
Beech Mountain	James Nunley, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	5	6	7	7	8	6	0	22	14	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	82	50	0	0	0	0
Belview	Frank McKinney, Jr., Elk Park, N.C.	3	6	8	10	8	3	4	8	29	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	82	59	0	38	0	38
Big Meadows	J.D. Wright, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	0	9	4	5	5	10	11	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	82	80	0	60	0	60
Chestnut Dale	Conley Huffman, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	5	2	7	0	2	7	6	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	59	30	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	Nathan Henley, Cranberry, N.C.	9	5	5	11	12	20	16	22	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	86	0	65	0	65
Crossnore	Edgar Edwards, Crossnore, N.C.	5	14	10	23	24	18	0	22	32	23	0	0	0	0	4	0	184	111	0	83	0	83
Elk Park	Joe Massee, Elk Park, N. C.	3	3	6	6	7	5	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	33	0	33
Elk Valley	Fred Blair, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	5	6	6	10	10	15	10	5	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	55	0	80	0	80
Fairview	Billy Ray Forbes, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	60	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	60	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	John Parlier, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	3	11	10	5	8	6	8	6	30	10	0	0	0	0	8	0	131	76	0	36	0	36
Flat Springs																							
Green Valley	Mrs. Robert McClellan, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.	2	0	1	2	0	2	0	4	7	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Henson Creek	Sherrill Pittman, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	0	12	0	14	0	24	18	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	65	0	30	0	30
Jonas Ridge	Grady Singleton, Jonas Ridge, N.C.	7	10	10	13	10	0	22	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	100	66	0	68	0	68
Minneapolis	Edward Grindstaff, Minneapolis, N.C.	0	8	6	12	15	15	10	10	28	5	0	0	6	0	10	0	125	88	1	0	0	0
Mount Pleasant	Virgil Blalock, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	0	9	0	0	14	10	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	63	52	0	0	0	0
Newland First	Bruce Daniels, Newland, N.C.	0	24	22	35	29	10	14	22	27	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	198	127	2			
Oak Grove	Charles Townsend, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	0	0	21	0	0	24	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	50	0	32	0	32
Pilgrim	Alvin Hicks, Route # 3, Roan Mountain, Tenn.	3	0	0	0	6	10	8	0	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	35	0	0	0	0
Pineola	George Smith, Pineola, N.C.	1	7	5	7	8	10	2	0	15	6	0	0	0	0	8	0	69	35	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Verne Ollis, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	4	11	2	8	6	15	6	28	50	17	0	0	0	0	3	0	150	100	2	67	0	67
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	2	4	0	11	0	7	0	0	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25	0	0	0	0
Powder Mill	Jack Buchanan, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	0	6	0	10	12	0	0	30	22	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	87	65	0	26	0	26

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational Sunday School Superintendent: Rev. Alfred Jones

Address: Minneapolis | State: North Carolina | Zip: 28652

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	Nursery enrolment (3 years and under)	Beginners (4 - 5) enrolment	Primaries (6 - 8) enrolment	Juniors (9 - 12) enrolment	Intermediates (13 - 16) enrolment	Young People single (17 - 24) enrolment	Young People married (17 – 24) enrolment	Adults (25 - 34) enrolment	Adults (35 - 64) enrolment	Adults (65 up) enrolment	Extension dept. enrolment	Cradle roll enrolment (home ministry)	Young people away (17 - 24) enrolment	Fellowship Bible classes enrolment	General officers	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total enrolment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	No. new Sunday School classes organized past year	Church V. B. S enrolment	Mission V. B. S enrolment	Total V. B. S. enrolment
Stamey Town	Simon Franklin, Route # 2, Newland, N .C.	0	11	0	7	11	4	0	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	52	49	0	40	0	40
Sugar Mountain	David Braswell, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	2	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	46	30	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	Joe Perry, Banner Elk, N.C.	3	5	4	3	5	2	4	6	15	5	0	0	0	0	6	0	58	42	0	0	0	0
Whaley	Bird McGuire, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	0	7	0	0	6	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	Lantz Huffman, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.	4	8	8	8	6	18	16	5	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	94	55	0				
Yellow Mountain	Nat Rhyne, Plumtree, N.C.	6	4	5	8	8	14	12	10	30	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	107	75	1	50	0	50

TABLE C TRAINING UNION 1970

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational Training Union Director: Mrs. Bettie Hooks

Address: Route # 2 City: Newland State: North Carolina Zip: 28657

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	112 Nursery (3 years and under) enrolment	113 Beginners (4 - 5) enrolment	114 Primaries (6 - 8) enrolment	115 Juniors (9 - 12) enrolment	116 Intermediates (13 - 16) enrolment	117 Young People single (17 - 24) enrolment	118 Young People married (17 - 24) enrolment	119 Adults (25 - 34) enrolment	120 Adults (35 - 64) enrolment	121 Adults (65 up) enrolment	122 General officers	123 Enrolment of mission(s) of church	124 Total ongoing T. U. enrolment	125 Ongoing average weekly attendance	126 Number of new unions organized past year	127 New member orientation-cum. enrolment	128 Church leader training-cum. enrolment	129 Member training projects - cum. enrolment	130 Grand total-ongoing & cumuletive T. U. enrolment
Aaron	Mrs. Patti Bare, Montezuma, N.C.	0	8	8	6	3	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	35	11	0	0	0	0	0
Belview	Jerry McCloude, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	0	2	5	5	4	2	0	10	10	1	2	0	40	29	0	0	0	0	40
Big Meadows	Frank Benfield, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	0	4	3	4	0	0	8	0	6	0	2	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	Judd Jones, Cranberry, N.C.	0	0	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	7	2	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	Mrs. Jimmy Vance, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	0	0	0	16	5	3	0	6	20	2	3	0	55	32	0	0	0	0	55
Elk Park	Mrs. John Hayward, Elk Park, N.C.	0	0	4	3	8	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	25		0	0	0	0	25
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. Martha Clark, Jonas Ridge, N.C.	0	4	6	7	7	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	33	23	0	0	0	0	33
Newland	Pat V. Eller, Newland, N.C.	0	0	4	0	15	4	2	0	15	0	0	0	40	30	0	0	0	0	40
Pleasant Hill	Joe Staton, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	0	5	4	10	0	24	0	20	0	0	2	0	65	45	0	0	0	0	65
Powdermill	Jimmy Freeman, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	20	0	0	3	0	32	25	0	0	0	0	32
Stamey Town	McArthur Vance, Crossnore, N.C.	2	4	1	3	5	0	4	4	7	0	4	0	30	25	0	0	0	0	30
Valley Haven	Larry Draughon, Route # 1, Banner Elk, N.C.	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	6	2	1	0	15	8	0	0	0	0	8
Yellow Mountain	Rev. Robert Anderson, Plumtree, N.C.	2	2	2	5	3	5	4	0	10	0	0	0	33	25	4	0	0	0	33

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational WMU Director: Mrs. Robert Lindley

Address: City: Elk Park State: North Carolina Zip: 28622

CHURCHES	WMU PRESIDENTS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	50 Sunbeam Nursery organizatio	51 Sunbeam Nursery enrolment	52 Beginner Sunbeam Band org.	53 Beginner Sunbeam Band Enro	54 Primary Sunbeam Band org.	55 Primary Sunbeam Band enrol	56 Ungraded Sunbeam Band org	57 Ungraded Sunbeam Band enr	58 Junior GA organizations	59 Junior GA enrolment	60 Intermediate GA organizatio	61 Intermediate GA enrolment	62 Ungraded GA organizations	63 Ungraded GA enrolment	64 High school YWA organizatic	65 High school YWA enrolment	66 College YWA organizations	67 College YWA enrolment	68 Career girls YWA organizatio	69 Career girls YWA enrolment	70 Ungraded YWA organization	71 Ungraded YWA enrolment	72 WMS organizations	73 WMS enrolment	74 Missional Church (org.)	75 Missional Church (enroll.)	76 Grand total organizations	77 Grand total enrolment	78 No. mission study groups	79 No. mission prayer groups	80 No. mission action groups
Aaron	Mrs. Mary Franklin, Montezuma, N.C.																							1	20			1	20			
Big Meadows	Ada Johnson, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.																							1	12			1	12			
Cranberry	Mrs. Nelle McCoury, Cranberry, N.C.																							1	11			1	11	1	1	1
Crossnore	Mrs. Grant Townsend, Crossnore, N.C.							1	5		14	1	2											1	18			3	39	1	1	1
Elk Park	Mrs. Frances Lindley, Elk Park, N.C.						10						10											1	10			3	30	1		
Jonas Ridge	Mrs. John Hooks, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.							1	5					1	10									1	11			3	26			
Stamey Town	Mrs. Mason Carpenter, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.									1	10													1	12			2	22			
Newland	Mrs. Marion Cheek, Newland, N.C.																							1	12			1	12			

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP 1970

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational Treasurer: Doris O. Shell

Address: Cranberry City: State: North Carolina Zip: 28614

CHURCHES	TREASURES AND ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	15	16						17	18	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155
		Number of tithers	Budget prom. or emphasis used during past year. None	Forward Program	Family stewardship	Growth in Christian stewardship	Other		Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts other than money	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed this year	Church staff salaries	Local missions expenditures	Money paid out on new construction past year	Debt retirement	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Aaron	John Hayes, Montezuma, N.C.	17							5	11/2	12,900		12,900		4,642		886	854	2,533	
Beech Mountain	Truman Church, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4,731		4,731		1,705	233				2,589
Belview	Maynard Ollis, Cranberry, N.C.	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		4,489		4,489		1,630				1,581	3,211
Big Meadows	Lawrence Carpenter,										6,586		6,586		1,187	50	1,203	1,644		
Chestnut Dale	Robert Sluder, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3,078		3,078		730		1,772		370	2,873
Cranberry	Mrs. Earl Greene, Cranberry, N.C.										4,788		4,788		2,025				2,136	4,161
Crossnore	Mrs. Lois Clark, Crossnore, N.C.	25							65	15	19,897		19,897		5,200				7,955	13,155
Elk Park	Dewey Mann, Elk Park, N.C.										5,398		5,398		2,291				1,235	3,526
Elk Valley	Floy Aldridge, Route # 1, Banner Elk, N C.										5,524		5,524	1,210	1,985	1,000	1,800		1,637	5,422
Fairview	Jeff Woody, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.										2,612		2,612		1,101		640		520	2,261
Fall Creek	Beulah Duggar, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	6									4,995				1,600	804	265		665	3,334
Flat Springs																				
Green Valley	Mrs. Robert McClellan, Route # 2, Spruce Pine	2													520				1,141	
Henson Creek	Lee Burleson, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	10									2,550		2,550		900	198	800		490	2,588
Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	5							5	2	5,898		5,898		3,120		225		2,190	5,535
Minneapolis	Joyce Grindstaff, Minneapolis, N.C.	unk.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		10,272		10,272		4,035		112		5,509	9,655
Mount Pleasant	Virgil Blalock , Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3,126		3,126		615		1,356		678	2,739
Newland First	Bruce Daniels, Newland, N.C.	25									24,908		24,908	12,000	11,995		40,489			52,484
Oak Grove	McDonald Burleson, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.										4,087		4,087		2,170		500		28	2,698
Pilgrim	Wesley Sluder, Route # 2, Roan Mountain, Tenn.										1,200						116			1,316
Pineola	Maurice Lindecamp, Pineola, N.C.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2%	4%	3,900		3,900	2,000	1,700				1,100	2,800
Pleasant Hill	Roy Ollis, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.										11,277		11,277		4,630		1,114	2,108	2,544	10,396
Pleasant Valley	Walter Hicks, Elk Park, N.C.	1													236		190		66	492
Powdermill	Jack Buchanan, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.										2, 870		2,870		1,375		655		585	
Roaring Creek																				

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State: North Carolina

Associational Treasurer: Doris O. Shell

Address: Cranberry | City: | State: North Carolina | Zip: 28614

CHURCHES	TREASURES AND ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	Number of tithers	Emphasis used during past year. None	Forward Program	Family stewardship	Growth in Christian stewardship	Other	Cooperative Program goal percent of total budget	Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts other than money	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed this year	Church staff salaries	Local missions expenditures	Money paid out on new construction past year	Debt retirement	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
			146							147	148		149	150	151	152	153	154	155
Sugar Mountain	Gurney Duckworth	0						8	2	2,125		2,126		151			1,000	366	1,517
Valley Haven	Gail Draughon, Banner Elk, N.C.	8								3,516		3,516		820		236	1,155	1,764	3,975
Whaley	Bina Hagie, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	0																	
Whites Memorial	Mrs. Onie Carpenter, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.	13								4,608	4,608	4,608	400	2,100	800			408	3,308
Yellow Mountain	Charlie Stafford, Plumtree, N.C.	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,576			7,576	3.000		1,091		1,113	5,204

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES 1970

Association: Avery

State: North Carolina

Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary): Rev. E.O. Buttle

Address: Route # 2, City: Newland State: North Carolina Zip: 28657

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	156 Cooperative Program	157 Associational Missions Program	158 Designated: State missions	159 Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong offering)	160 Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon offering)	161 Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	162 Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	163 Designated: Hospitals	164 Designated: Homes for the aged	165 Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	166 Total mission expenditures
Aaron	Carl Holden, Montezuma, N.C.	400	120	0	0	50	0	39	0	0	350	959
Beech Mountain	Allen Church, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	285	127					85	152		148	797
Belview	Doris O. Shell, Cranberry, N. C.	14		80		50	35	110	50	25	45	399
Big Meadows	Mrs. L.W. Carpenter, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.		20					189	100	118	289	429
Chestnut Dale	Jack R. Ollis, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.							114	60			174
Cranberry	Elbert McCoury, Cranberry, N.C.	150	120	27	100	125	15	50	41	42		670
Crossnore	Lois Clark, Crossnore, N.C.	765	165	19	402	457	13	98	120	51		1890
Elk Park,	Mrs. John Hayward, Elk Park, N.C.	288	72	30	25	100	25	25	25	25	120	760
Elk Valley	Lonnie Aldridge, Banner Elk, N.C.								100			100
Fairview	Mrs. Jeff Woody, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.							20	20	20		60
Fall Creek	Glenn Jones, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.	12				600		150	100			860
Green Valley	Mrs. Fritz Hall, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.				67	180		54		20		321
Henson Creek	Delora Buchanan, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.								50			50
Jonas Ridge	Johnnie Shell, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	265	151	22	35	65	7	33	45	20	42	687
Minneapolis	Randall Fletcher, Minneapolis, N.C.							300	208	109		617
Mount Pleasant	R.F. Horney, Route # 3, Newland, N.C.					120		50	88		570	828
Newland	Ruth Calloway, Newland, N.C.	1627	192	100	225	500	60	200	181	156	93	3334
Oak Grove	Mrs. Lisa Turbyfill, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.		36		60	60		48	43			247
Pilgrim	Mack Cook, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.					25						25
Pineola	Mrs. R.W. Moir, Pineola, N.C.	120		147		50	75		50		100	542
Pleasant Hill	Lawrence Ollis, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.		20		60	350		145	53		60	1228
Pleasant Valley	Theresa Hicks, Route # 1, Elk Park, N.C.								2		15	17
Powdermill	Mrs. Jack Buchanan, Route # 1, Newland, N.C.							71	65			136
Roaring Creek	Mrs. Judy Puckett, Banner Elk, N.C.							25	20			45
Stamped Town	Mrs. Simon Franklin, Route # 1, Cleveland, [illegible]											

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State North Carolina

Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary)
Rev. E.O. Bustle

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CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions Program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total mission expenditures
Sugar Mountain	Mrs. Floyd Banner, Route # 2, Newland, N.C.	156	60					52	52			320
Valley Haven	Clara Perry, Route # 1, Banner Elk, N.C.							36	50			86
Whaley	Ottie Harris, Greenway Trailer Court, Boone, N.C.											
Whites Memorial	Dora Phillips, Route # 2, Spruce Pine, N.C.	45	85						30			160
Yellow Mountain	Russell Stafford, Plumtree, N.C.							60				60